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Guest Essay

Springs of a different feather: Watching Mother Nature

BY NICK MINOR

We humans love organization. We love identifying patterns and rules, themes and motifs, and understanding the cycles that envelop us. We like order and consistency, for example, consider taxonomy. Humanity has spent centuries (and continues today) refining and correcting rules and categories to be applied to nature. But very often--enough to keep scientists at the grindstone--we find nature doing something that has scrambled our brains. She breaks the rules.

This spring of 2013, we saw nature break down our organization of migration. We have determined an established order in which species are supposed to come through, a way birds are supposed to move with the weather, but thanks to a rather late-staying winter, all this was thrown to the wind. Wilson's Warblers influxed with waterthrushes, Mourning Warblers with redstarts, parulas with Blackpoll Warblers. And minds were indeed scrambled. Spring Bird Counts, normally catching a massive brunt of the migratory load, were relatively quiet in much of our state. April Big Days came up mysteriously short of what they had been in years past. Species variety in general fluctuated widely. Our systems of categorization broke down completely.

But it gets even better when compared with the spring of 2012. Even on an annual scale, this past spring of 2013 broke any sort of streak or pattern we could have dreamed up. With early heat in 2012 (exceptional on its own), birds migrated north far ahead of schedule, whereas in 2013, any birds that could have headed north a little early were barricaded by a line of cold, insect-suppressing air that covered northern and central Illinois. While species variety was great in some warmer parts of Illinois, even into May, many places in the prairie state had little more than Yellow-rumped Warblers and kinglets. That, my friends, is weird.

And all it took was some strange weather patterns. Kenn Kaufman once said, "Nature defies our every attempt to define and categorize it," and he was right. But this phenomenon shouldn't be looked at with irritation; nature gives us the power and opportunity to discover new mechanisms, perspectives and understandings ad infinitum. She compels us to keep learning by constantly defying our expectations. And let's not forget the birds specifically. This is the best part of the story. The birds adapted. They went with it. Birds genetically programmed to migrate at specific times to specific places changed to survive the challenges they faced this spring. Millions of years of adaptation, and here we see the beautiful intersection and balancing of nature's systems. The complexity of it all is mind-boggling. We are but tiny observers of one of the grandest cycles to ever exist.

The spring of 2013 didn't just teach me which birds moved when, or how to read radar and weather patterns, it also taught me a little bit about why I'm a birdwatcher. Moving forward, I appreciate a little bit more the kind of people who are birdwatchers. It's about the perpetual discovery that birds, and ultimately nature, empower us to make, and that, my friends, is priceless.

– After telling his mom that he wanted to be an ornithologist at age 3, Nick Minor has been actively seeking new knowledge and experiences related to birds. He spent the summer of 2013 interning at the Field Museum and teaching about nature at Makajawan Scout Reservation.

Letter from the Editor

Leaving a legacy to the Illinois Young Birders

As I read the essay in this issue written by young birder Nick Minor, I thought of the legacy we at IOS are leaving to the next generation of birders and ornithologists. What began more than 20 years ago has grown into an organization that has published without fail four issues each year that young ornithologists can peruse when looking for patterns in bird populations and distributions. Those same ornithologists and birders will, we hope, help us get all that information up electronically for easy access. Remember, though, that the information would not be available had it not been for the countless IOS members and volunteers who have turned in reports, written stories and compiled seasonal reports now for 21 volumes. The bridge between the old and the new can be achieved with understanding and hard work from all ages.

These young birders and ornithologists will someday become the editors, compilers and Web masters of the future for IOS. Indeed, some of them are already contributing now. See Nandu Dubey's drawing on the front cover.

I'm also a firm believer in our grant program, which helps young ornithologists gather data to help us better understand the aviafauna population and distribution in Illinois, as well as offer ways to help the birds that need it the most.

There is gratitude in my heart for all those who have helped all those years, and hope in my heart for those who are to follow. I'm not ready to leave the fold now – I'm having too much fun and feel I can still make a valuable contribution to the organization. But I'm thrilled we have young and old members on the board, or should I say young minds and old experienced folks, working together to keep IOS going.

Sheryl DeVore

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Elaeniamania

By Aaron Gyllenhaal

The sun was shining, birds were singing, and the sky was a bright blue. It seemed like a great day for an afternoon stroll through the local park. I was with my dad, Eric, and my brother, Ethan, and we were doing just that in mid-April 2012. We were looking for birds at the park I monitor, right after school got out for the day. This park, Douglas Park, is in the middle of a rough neighborhood on the west side of Chicago, so nobody gives it a chance. Douglas Park is in fact a great birding place. The one thing that sets it aside is the marsh, which is a rare thing in this part of Chicago. We were looking for an American Bittern, which had been hanging around the marsh for the past couple days. After a short search, we flushed it from the same area as before and snapped a couple pictures, appreciating its presence.

When we started to walk around the edge of the marsh, Ethan noticed a bird flitting around in the willows. We thought it was an Empidonax-type flycatcher. Empidonax flycatchers are a group of flycatchers containing five species regularly seen in Illinois, and are notorious for being difficult to identify. They tend to arrive in early May, except for Least Flycatcher, which arrives one or two weeks before the others. This fact made this bird most likely a Least Flycatcher. After our first good look, something seemed off. The behavior, molt pattern and overall coloration of this bird confused us. We slowly eliminated the species of Empidonax flycatchers one by one. Yellow-bellied Flycatchers are much more yellow. Acadian Flycatchers are greenish and they have a completely different body shape. Willow Flycatchers have a fairly close resemblance to our bird, but have an orange tip to the lower mandible, and so do Alder Flycatchers. After effectively eliminating other Empids, the bird flew away. We left it in peace and moved on, somewhat content with the answer of Least Flycatcher.

We finished birding Douglas Park and went home. I posted pictures of the flycatcher onto a forum for Illinois birding. One of my young birder friends, Nathan Goldberg, weighed in saying that the flycatcher looked like it could be an elaenia, a bird that would be thousands of miles away from its homeland of South or Central America. This reinstated my suspicions and caused me to look at my photos again. This time I noticed a white crown stripe in one of my photos. I responded to Nathan and asked for the opinion of others. Nothing. I was in suspense the whole next day during school. After getting no responses for a whole day, I created a separate thread. This one focused on the ID of the flycatcher. Ethan posted his photos to this thread which included another photo of the crown stripe. Ethan posted the thread to Facebook. This caused the thread to spread like wildfire. One of the first responders was Greg Neise, the founder of the forum who was conveniently at an ABA meeting so he was surrounded by experts on this subject. He stated that it looked to be an elaenia. Some of the best birders in the country, Kenn Kaufman, Doug Stotz and Alvaro Jaramillo, independently responded by concurring that this bird was in fact an elaenia. Now, the debate was between Small-billed Elaenia and the Chilean subspecies of White-crested Elaenia. Small-billed would be a first ABA record, while White-crested would be a second as it was previously found in south Texas 9-10 February 2008. After experts seemed to agree on the fact better photos were needed to reach an absolute consensus, I went to bed.

We left early the next morning, just before sunrise, in hopes of finding the elaenia. My dad let me cut the first half of the school day, so I had about five hours to search for it. Birders descended on the park from all over

Elaenia species.

Oak Park, Cook County. 21 April 2012. Photos by Ken Koontz.

Note the central white crown stripe indicative of several elaenia species. Also note, the presence of a third white wingbar.

the Chicago area and beyond. Despite all of the eyes looking, we had no luck for the first five hours, but other birds were everywhere. A LeConte's Sparrow was the best find with a singing Sora taking second. Also seen were Wilson's Snipe, Sharp-shinned Hawk, and flocks of Double-crested Cormorants. Five hours after our arrival, I had some great new park birds but was convinced we would not refind the elaenia.

The second we got back to our car, ready to head back to school, I saw Joe Lill running across the front of the fieldhouse. I followed him and learned that Doug Stotz has just refound the elaenia! After a moment of relief, I searched ravenously for the elaenia, along with the few dozen birders remaining. It was found again in half an hour and we all saw it. The views were not anything conclusive beyond what we had previously seen. The elaenia flew into a large tree and sight was lost. It disappeared for a while, but other great birds popped up. Osprey and Merlin were the highlights.

Three hours later, the elaenia was refound northeast of where it had been. After everybody got it, it wandered north throughout the park. Great photos were obtained and I hoped that it could be identified to species. In the evening, I watched as the thread erupted with various opinions from observers. This continued for another day. Even though my dad had to leave town, my mom was able to take us to Douglas Park on Saturday.

Saturday was not nearly as good of a birding day as Thursday. The only positive was the elaenia was less challenging to find. Other birds were almost non-existent. There was a crowd of birders from many states including California, Texas, Colorado, and North Carolina. The elaenia was seen the whole day on Saturday and Sunday, but when Monday came, it was nowhere to be found. With that, Elaeniamania drew to an end, as did the most memorable birding experience I have ever had.

No matter how many people tried, no absolute conclusion could be met between Small-billed and White-crested Elaenia. This bird's plumage was so worn, that it caused problems when trying to identify it. For example, Small-billed Elaenias have three wingbars while White-crested usually have two. Wear erased half of the wingbar on one side and faded it on the other, making this fieldmark inconclusive, as White-Crested can have a faded third wingbar. The white crest was either big for Small-billed or small for White-crested. Most importantly, the bird never called. Calls are extremely important to flycatcher identification as they are almost always conclusive to species.

As a young birder, this is the type of find that you would only dream about. The fact that it was found in the park I monitor made the experience even more special.

The story of this bird was so compelling that CBS Evening News, National Public Radio, Chicago newspapers, and websites across the world all picked up this story.

Editor's Note: Both White-crested and Small-billed Elaenias have very large South American ranges with the White-crested breeding throughout much of the Andes in both the northern and southern portions of these mountains in South America, with some races wintering over a large portion of the rest of South America during the austral winter. Small-billed breeds in the southern portion of South America and also disperses widely, northward over much of northern South American during the austral winter.

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Illinois's first winter record of the Black-throated Blue Warbler at sapsucker wells with notes on other Midwest and Mid-Canada winter records

By David B. Johnson

On the morning of 27 December 2011, I was on my way to work in downtown Chicago, Illinois. I had taken an alternate route just east of the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park at the north end of Grant Park, Cook County. I took this route to search for the Harris's Sparrow (*Zonotrichia querula*) that Robert Hughes had observed on 23 December 2011 in front of the Aon Building on Randolph Street east of Michigan Avenue. On my way I heard several White-throated Sparrows *(Zonotrichia albicollis*) and while at the sidewalk next to the McDonald's Cyclery Center at 239 E. Randolph Drive I heard another White-throated Sparrow under a juniper along with some House Sparrows (*Passer domesticus*). I pished toward the juniper and amazingly out flew a male Black-throated Blue Warbler (*Setophaga caerulescens*), feeding on the ground with the sparrows. Later the warbler flew to one of three trees next to the sidewalk where I noticed sapsucker drill holes were being used by the warbler to obtain food from sap. Soon I also saw an immature male Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus varius*) on the other side of the tree. I couldn't believe it! I studied the Black-throated Blue Warbler for 10 minutes and, after taking some field notes, I posted the sighting on IBET (email list: IL Birders Exchanging Thoughts) with my Iphone. Then, I rushed across Randolph Drive where, almost immediately, I ran into Robert Hughes and told him of the news. Most importantly Robert had a camera! We raced back across Randolph Street whereupon Bob began to capture images of the warbler on one of the trees. We, then, had photographic documentation of this extremely rare winter warbler sighting just two days after Christmas.

Subsequently, for just over two weeks, at least 50 observers were able to see this rare wintering warbler. Bob Andrini took photographs of both the warbler and sapsucker on 5 January 2012; the photographs are published in Illinois Audubon (Andrini 2012). During one of my early afternoon visits on 6 January 2012, I witnessed at least 22 birders and photographers at the 239 East Randolph Drive site watching and photographing the warbler. The next day the warbler's presence made a bit of media frenzy when both a link to a video (Bzdak 2012) of the warbler at Millennium Park and an article (DeVore 2012) appeared in the Chicago Tribune's Saturday paper. More birders, photographers and passers-by came to view the rare warbler. To my knowledge, Lisa Rest and I were the last to observe the warbler just before and during the beginning of a snowstorm on 12 January 2012. Despite extensive searching for several days the warbler was never found again though the sapsucker lingered until 16 January 2012.

Prior to this winter record the latest fall date for Illinois was 27 November 2009, a male photographed by Gail L. Sadock in Grant Park, Chicago, Cook Co. (Paul Clyne pers. comm.). Bohlen (1989) has listed 14 November, a male in Champaign Co., for the latest departure date for the state.

Identification

Upon first observing the warbler I was immediately struck by cobalt blue dorsal surfaces of the warbler's back, nape and crown feathers; the long black flanks extending up to the black chin and throat; black in the face contrasting with the very white ventral breast, belly, vent and undertail coverts. The distinctive white square on the black wings was noted along with a white edge to the folded wing. The warbler's soft parts included a black eye, thin pointed blackish bill and darkish-fleshy colored legs and feet. Later photographs would reveal a greenish tinge to the cobalt blue back feathers that first year males have (Dunn and Garrett 1997, Pyle et.al. 1997). This feature is shown well on the Chicago Tribune video (Bzdak 2012) and other photographs.

Feeding and Interaction with an Immature male Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

During the Black-throated Blue Warbler's stay at Millennium Park from 27 December 2011 through 12 January 2012, the warbler was most often seen in association with an immature Yellow-bellied Sapsucker at drill holes, feeding on the rows of fresh oozing sap at a hybrid 'Homestead' elm tree, though often the warbler would get chased off by the sapsucker. Holmes (2005) makes no specific mention of Black-throated Blue Warblers feeding on/at sapsucker wells, though this species feeding habits have been studied extensively during the breeding season. However, as noticed with the Millenium Park bird, Black-throated Blue Warblers routinely feed (on insects) by hover-gleaning, and will do so, especially on their wintering grounds while occasionally feeding on small fruits and flower nectar, as well as sugar-water at hummingbird feeders and frequently on honeydew excreted by scale insects on *Bursera simaruba* (gumbo-limbo) trees in Hispaniola (Latta et al. 2001). Mousley (1917) does mention an instance of a female Black-throated Blue Warbler that he watched, apparently in Quebec, on 16 October 1916 (his latest record for the species there), hover gleaning

at sapsucker wells in an American beech tree (*Fagus grandifolia*) for the sap and possibly insects attracted to it.

This commensalism or symbiotic relationship where the warbler benefited without harming the sapsucker was noted by Bob Andrini (2012) and other observers of the warbler and sapsucker. Other times the warbler was observed feeding on insects or other food items under leaf litter, sunflower and millet seeds put out for the sparrows and the warbler, mealworms, and suet plugged into some of the sap-sucker drill rows and knots of the deciduous trees in front of the McDonald's Cycle Center. The warbler also associated with several Black-capped Chickadees (*Poecile atricapillus*) in the park and seemed also loosely associated and fed with White-throated and House sparrows. The warbler was often seen hover-gleaning like a kinglet over the drill holes looking for fresh sap ooze. I had seen warblers at these sapsucker drill holes earlier in the fall at Bicentennial Plaza and Millennium Park in North Grant Park – particularly Yellow-rumped (*Deudroica coronata*), Cape May (*Dendroica trigrina*), and Orange-crowned Warblers (*Verniivora celata*), and Ruby-crowned Kinglets (*Regulus caleudula*), watching them getting sap nutrients from these holes and not just insects though they could be at these holes, too, when insects were still prevalent.

Black-throated Blue Warbler sipping sap from sapsucker tree-holes in Millenium Park, Chicago, Cook County. 9 January 2012. The tree was a hybrid 'Homestead' elm.

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker at the same tree where the Black-throated Blue Warbler was seen in Millenium Park, Chicago, Cook County. 9 January 2012. Photos by Jackie Bowman.

Winter Range

For purposes of this paper winter is defined as meteorological from 1 Dec – 29 February. The normal winter range of the Black-throated Blue Warbler is in the Greater Antilles, from Puerto Rico, Hispaniola, Cuba to Jamaica; also in the Bahamas. It occurs occasionally in the Lesser Antilles as far south as Trinidad and along the Caribbean coast of the Yucatan, Belize, Honduras, becoming rarer or casual on the Caribbean coasts of Costa Rica, Panama, Columbia and Venezuela. Small numbers do winter in extreme southern Florida with very few wintering farther north. Eastern seaboard wintering records north of Florida are extremely rare (Holmes et al. 2005). During early winter the last 30 years of Christmas Bird Counts, numbers of Black-throated Blue Warblers reported have ranged from 3 to 29 individuals every year in Florida. In California, where they are casual in winter, reports have ranged from one to three birds in 10 years of the last 30 years of CBCs (Audubon website: www.audubon.org/cbcobservation/Historical/SpeciesData). Winter vagrants seem to be more regular in far western states with 3 records in Oregon, two in western Washington, one from British Columbia, 4 in Arizona and a January specimen from Idaho (Dunn and Garrett 1997). Within the United States or Canada an observation of a Black-throated Blue Warbler, except for Florida, is an extreme rarity in winter with most birds departing by mid-November – if not earlier. Early winter stragglers are extremely rare though they have occurred in northern inhospitable climes.

Other Midwest and Mid-Canada winter records

There are twelve Midwest winter records for Black-throated Blue Warbler plus a remarkable 10 in southernmost Ontario, Canada – nearly all in early winter (Alan Wormington pers. comm.). All Midwest records have occurred mostly in early December through January with no sightings in February. However, there is one Ontario, Canadian record for February. There are four records for Ohio, all in Cuyahoga Co., except for one, as follows: 4-5 Dec. 1993: one at Garfield Heights; 3 and 10 Dec. 2000: one at Lakewood; 10 Dec 2003: one in Elmwood Park, Rocky River, and 10-13 Dec 2008: one near Salem, Mahoning Co. (photographed). Indiana, too, has four records: 8 Dec 1949: one at Goshen College in Elkhart Co. (a bird flew into a classroom; was caught and released); 30 Dec 1988 – 5 Jan 1989: one in Delaware Co.; 8 Dec 1986 – 9 Jan 1987: one in Vigo Co.; and 16 Dec 1979 – 30 Jan 1980: one in Boone Co. Michigan has but one record: 15-24 Dec 1974: one at feeder in Berrien Co., photo in University

of Michigan Museum of Zoology (Mlodinow 1984, Payne 1983). Wisconsin has two winter records: 27 Nov – 25 Dec 1996: one, Ozaukee Co. (likey Mequon, Bob Domagalski pers. comm.); and 23 Dec 2011 – 14 Jan 2012: one, Glendale, Milwaukee Co. photographed by Dan Panetti (this was during nearly the same time period as this article's bird). Minnesota has one record: 13 Nov 1983 – 2 Dec 1983: one male, Washington Co., just north of Hastings. This bird lingered just into winter at a suet feeder and survived two snow storms, a wonderful color photograph graces the cover of "The Loon" (56:65). Ontario has ten records most of which occurred in early December except for two lingering into January, and amazingly one into February. These records (pers. comm. Alan Wormington) are as follows: 23 Nov 2008 – 1 Jan 2009: one female, Aldershot, Halton County (Rohan A. van Twest et al.); 1 December 1995: one at Mallory Beach, Bruce County (Shawn Giilck); 1 Dec 2008 – 6 Jan 2009: one male, Toronto, Metropolitan Toronto (Steven Rowe et al.); 3-19 Dec 2008: one male, Toronto, Metropolitan Toronto (Donald Baxter et al.); 5 Dec 1979: one male, Point Pelee National Park, Essex County (R. Douglas McRae); 5-8 Dec 1993: one female, Toronto, Metropolitan Toronto (Patrick Stepien-Scanlon et al.); 10 Dec 2011: one, Huntsville, Muskoka District (Trisha Healy, Paula Jackson); 14-16 Dec 1992: one male, Port Stanley, Elgin County (Robert A. Hubert et al.); 14-26 Dec 1993: one female, Port Stanley, Elgin County (Robert A. Hubert et al.); 13 Jan – 19 Feb 1989: one female, Toronto, Metropolitan Toronto (Naomi LeVay, Don Peuramaki et al.).

As of this writing there are no winter records for North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Missouri or Manitoba, Canada.

Author's Note

As this article goes to press I have again found Black-throated Blue Warblers (up to 2♂,1♀) regularly visiting sapsucker wells in late September 2012, solely for the sap, this time at another Chicago lakefront park, Bicentennial Park.

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The 2012 Illinois Statewide Spring Bird Count

By Michael P. Ward and Tara Beveroth

The 2012 Illinois Statewide Spring Bird Count marks the 42nd Spring Bird Count. Bewick's Wren. Brown County. 2012 May. Photo by Michael P. Ward.

New Approach (2 DAYS)

In 2013, we tried something new. Several goals are associated with the Spring Bird Count and one is to sample the bird communities throughout Illinois. While we generally accomplish this goal in many counties, a few counties are infrequently covered during the count and some counties with very few censusers; thus the decision to add one more day to the Spring Bird Count in 2013. It provided for greater coverage of the state and in general more data, however it did create a greater burden on compilers. Results on Spring Bird Count 2013 with two days are forthcoming.

Spring Bird Count days will now be on the Saturday or the Sunday that falls between the 4th and the 10th of May. The 2013 dates were May 4 and May 5. The goal is not to have censusers go to the same location in consecutive days, but rather to do different counties on each day.

2012 Results

A total of 471,597 birds of 222 species were detected. The spring of 2012 in Illinois set many records associated with an extremely warm March. This early warmth resulted in a much earlier phenology for many plants, and begged the question of whether birds would also arrive early. The SBC data suggest that either birds did not arrive early. If anything, they arrived late or simply did not stop in the area. Many participants commented on the low numbers of warblers and thrushes. While there are many possible reasons for the low numbers, one possibility is the early warmth created a situation where plants and insects emerged earlier, and once certain migrants arrived, their food resources were missing so they did not stop in Illinois.

The extremely warm spring created a very odd situation in which the only two new species for the count were species more likely to be observed at 6° as opposed to 76° degrees. The historic 2012-2013 winter irruption of Snowy Owls resulted in one being present in DeKalb County. In addition Common Redpolls were reported from Will County. Some other interesting observations to note from this past year are listed below. While the all-time high counts are interesting, it is also important to note the species that were recorded in very low numbers.

- A Purple Gallinule was found in Putnam County.
- More Mute Swans were recorded this year than ever before.
- Only 12 Upland Sandpipers were located.
- Black-necked Stilts were detected in 13 counties a new county high record.
- A record number of counties (4) found Scissor-tailed Flycatchers.
- Acadian Flycatchers were widespread with the most ever counties detecting them and at record levels.
- Eurasian Collared-Doves continue their invasion with detections in 65 counties.
- Bald Eagles were detected in 67 counties, a new record high.
- Bell's Vireos were found in the most counties ever (32) and at record numbers.
- Henslow's Sparrows were in 43 counties, the most ever and a record number were found (263).
- Warblers and thrushes were again low this year in many counties throughout the state. For example, more Swainson's Thrushes were found in Union County in 1999, than were found in the entire state this year.
- A Swainson's Warbler was detected in Franklin County.
- It was the "year" of the Dickcissel in the Midwest and a record number of counties found a record number of individuals.
- Eurasian Tree Sparrows continue to expand slowly; 30 counties reported them this year.

Exotic Bird Species

There is a long history of exotic species in Illinois from Rock Pigeons to Gray Partridge to Eurasian Collared-Dove. These are often oddities for bird watchers but in some circumstances can pose significant challenges to native species. The data from the Spring Bird Count can help track the spread of these species. While some species appear to have fixed ranges, remember that many invasive plant species often reside in an area for decades before their populations explode. We choose to highlight four species.

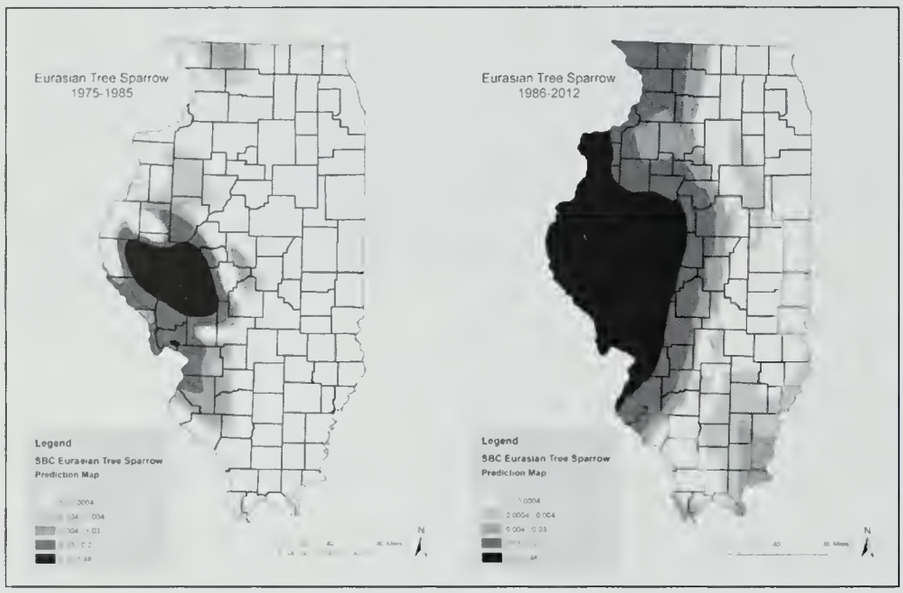

Figure 1:

Eurasian Tree Sparrow
1975-1985 & 1986-2012.

Although Eurasian Tree Sparrows were released in St. Louis in 1870 they have not spread at the rate of other species, notably their congener House Sparrow. While they are not spreading quickly, they appear to be steadily spreading northward along the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers.

Figure 2:

Eurasian Collared-Dove

A recent arrival to Illinois, it is spreading quickly from south to north.

Mute Swan

The stronghold of this invasive species is in northeast an central Illinois along the Illinois River.

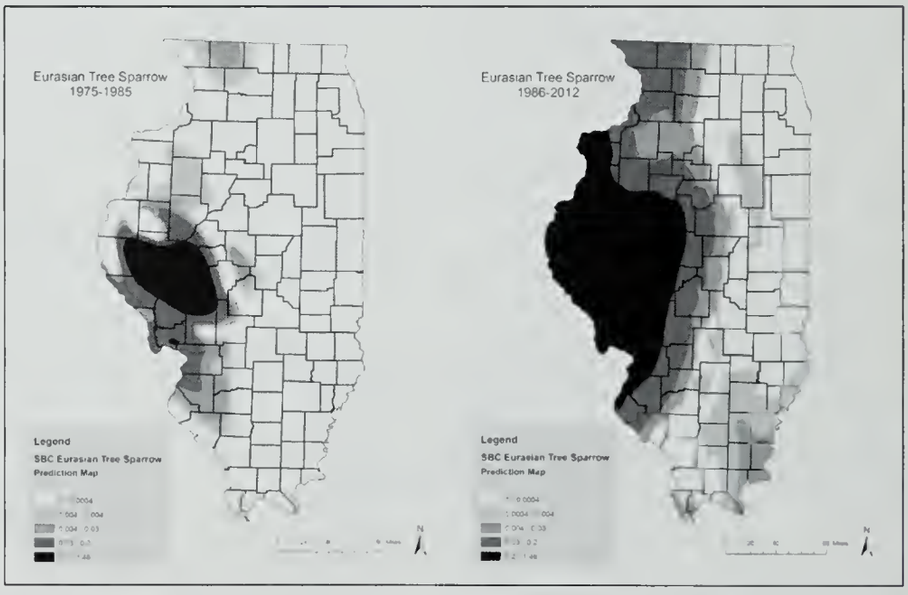

Figure 3:

House Finch
1975 –1985 & 1986 -2012.

House Finches are native to western North America, but were transported to New York as a caged bird. With the passing of the Migratory Bird Act pet stores in New York released the birds in 1918. The species quickly expanded west, as can be seen in the first map that shows the first arrivals in Illinois were on the eastern edge of the state.

Species	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Red-winged Blackbird	1	1	1	1	1
American Robin	2	2	2	2	2
European Starling	3	4	3	4	4
Common Grackle	4	3	6	3	3
Canada Goose	5	5	7	5	5
House Sparrow	6	9	9	7	6
American Goldfinch	7	6	10	10	7
Northern Cardinal	8	11	14	11	10
Brown-headed Cowbird	9	7	12	9	8
Mourning Dove	10	14	15	12	9
Barn Swallow	11	12	4	8	11
Tree Swallow	12	10	5	6	13
Indigo Bunting	13	20	18	13	12
American Coot	14	39	93	46	57
American Golden-Plover	15	53	48	70	59
Yellow-rumped Warbler	16	15	17	17	32
Mallard	17	18	19	21	20
Ring-billed Gull	18	17	16	14	14
Double-crested Cormorant	19	38	32	35	23
Common Yellowthroat	20	33	35	31	27

Table 1. The relative rank of species in terms of abundance (top 20 in 2012) in a given year.

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One of the more interesting data sets is one that shows how common species are through time. Though this can be difficult to interpret due to differential effort through years, one approach is to simply rank how common a species is in a given year and compare that rank to previous years. Red-winged Blackbirds continue to retain the designation of being the most common along with American Robin, which continues to be the second most common species detected.

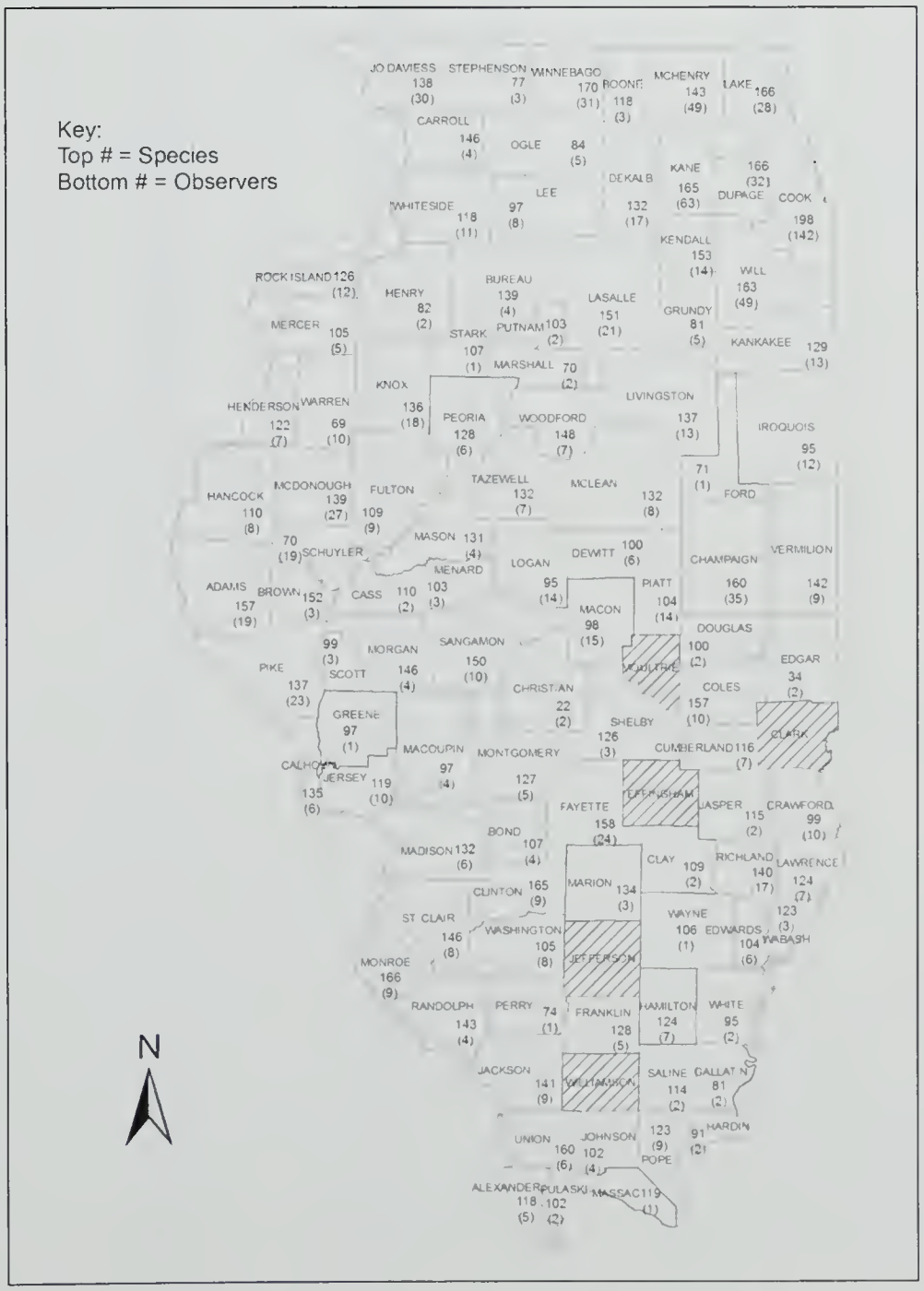

Figure 4. The number of species detected and participants (in parentheses) in Illinois Counties in 2012. The hatched counties were not censused.

Table 2 – 2012 County Statistics

County	Sp.	Birds	Obs	Ptys.	Start	End	Miles Walk	Miles Drive	Miles Other	Hrs Walk	Hrs Drive	Hrs Other	Compiler
Adams	156	6668	19	9	15	2145	12	443	0	18	42	0	Al Dierkes
Alexander	118	3284	5	3	530	1930	5.25	168.25	0	8	26.25	0	Ida Domazlicky
Bond	107	2767	4	1	600	1930	3	126	0	5	8.5	0	Charley Marbut
Boone	118	2880	3	2	545	1930	14.1	90	0	18	3	0	John Todt
Brown	152	3064	3	2	0:00	1730	3	134	0	5	10.5	0	Mike Ward
Bureau	137	7177	4	4	330	1915	16.5	267	0	18.5	20.75	0	Doug Stotz
Calhoun	135	3534	6	4	350	2150	6.75	286.5	0	6.75	33.25	0	Bill Atwood
Carroll	146	5676	4	3	130	1730	8	136	0	9.75	15.25	0	Jeff Baughman
Cass	110	2255	2	1	500	1730	1	145	0	1	11.5	0	Robert Randall
Champaign	160	8126	35	21	400	2200	66	269.5	0	76.75	18.95	3	Beth Chato
Christian	22	188	2	1	820	1230	2	0	0	2	0	0	Natalie Porter
Clark	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Clay	109	1306	2	1	N.R.	N.R.	3	115	0	3	4.5	0	Terry Esker
Clinton	165	7424	9	6	0	2000	25.5	522	0	25	47	0	Dan Kassebaum
Coles	157	7531	10	5	345	2030	19.5	184	0	23.75	18.75	0	Tyler Funk
Cook	193	39845	142	75	500	2000	258.8	330.7	0	334.18	3	3.33	Alan Anderson
Crawford	99	2478	10	4	516	1800	11	220	0	14	22	0	Patricia Neighbors
Cumberland	116	1881	7	3	400	2100	6	79	0	10.5	7.75	0	Larry Thorsen
De Kalb	131	6901	17	9	300	2200	34	463	0	47	26.5	3	Darrell Shambaugh
De Witt	100	1366	6	3	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	0	Lynnette Miller-Ishmael
Douglas	100	3106	2	1	700	1500	4	102	0	3	5	0	Mark Alessi
Du Page	166	27203	132	41	400	2030	207	324	0	252	18	0	Bob Fisher
Edgar	34	1156	2	1	545	1500	3	115	0	1.25	6.75	0	Kendall Annetti
Edwards	104	3580	6	4	600	2000	5.5	165	0	7	24	0	Bob Shelby
Effingham	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Fayette	157	6095	24	14	445	2245	18.2	577	0	32.5	33	0	Kathy Stokes
Ford	71	701	1	1	525	1500	3.23	61	0	6	2	0	Eric Smith
Franklin	126	3028	5	3	530	1900	14.5	75.5	0	14	10	0	Robert Drennan
Fulton	109	3436	9	3	600	2100	11	126	0	12	19	0	Helen Gasdorf
Gallatin	81	431	2	1	505	1345	6	60	0	4.75	3.92	0	Jake Hennig
Greene	97	447	1	1	500	1500	0	10	0	0	9.5	0	John Andrews
Grundy	81	1617	5	3	515	1945	9.25	135	0	15.25	9	0	Diane Cooper
Hamilton	124	2122	7	3	610	2220	4	168	0	4.15	22	0	Craig Taylor
Hancock	110	3467	8	4	630	1807	6	257	0	5	32	0	J. Michael Sallee
Hardin	91	667	2	1	710	2018	1.5	66.8	0	1	10.8	0	Elizabeth Raikes
Henderson	122	2591	7	4	205	2000	12.5	187	0	12	16.25	0	Chuck Leib
Henry	82	1183	2	1	445	1530	5	76	0	4	5	0	Ed Anderson
Iroquois	95	2241	12	9	630	2115	5.15	110	0	22.3	8.15	0	William Burwell
Jackson	141	4595	9	5	400	2023	8.75	281	67.6	8.25	37.5	3.58	Rhonda Rothrock
Jasper	115	1431	2	2	330	1430	3	201	0	4	15.5	0	Scott Simpson
Jefferson	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Jersey	119	4541	10	3	430	2130	3.25	61	0	15	10	0	Blair Campbell
Jo Daviess	138	10741	30	9	500	1830	14	468	0	28.1	63	0	Grace Storch
Johnson	102	1355	4	2	610	2040	3	184	0	8	10	0	Ray Boehmer
Kane	165	22216	63	25	430	2030	150	355	25	185	37	4	Jon Duerr
Kankakee	129	3934	13	8	535	2000	25.5	107	5	37.25	6.75	1.5	David Atkinson
Kendall	152	6696	14	7	415	2000	37.5	205	0	45.9	10	0	Keith Johnson
Knox	136	4621	18	11	15	2130	19.4	414.6	0	23.5	41.4	0	Jim Mountjoy
Lake	165	13772	28	9	400	2115	76	327	0	89.75	15	3.25	Gary Hantsbarger
La Salle	151	12533	21	12	330	2045	45.5	792	0	57.5	63.25	0	John McKee
Lawrence	124	3253	7	3	N.R.	N.R.	4.5	200	0	6.5	22.75	0	Julie St. John
Lee	97	1542	8	5	600	1900	11	28	0	23	2	0	John Bivins
Livingston	138	3638	13	9	N.R.	N.R.	18.5	354.4	0	28	34.5	0	David Johnson
Logan	95	3086	14	7	520	2026	22.5	188	0	28.5	25.25	0	Steve Coogan
Macon	98	2085	15	10	600	2015	29	53	0	32.5	7.5	0	Melody Arnold
Macoupin	97	1526	4	2	444	1830	6.5	73	0	6.75	5.75	0	Vicki Hedrick
Madison	132	2371	6	3	400	2000	11.9	154	0	18	9.5	0	Frank Holmes
Marion	134	1805	3	3	300	1500	6	156	0	8	9	0	William Burwell
Marshall	70	982	2	1	530	1630	1	125	0	1	10	0	Mary K. Hill
Mason	131	4553	4	2	445	1530	6.5	114.5	0	630	2230	0	Richard Bjorklund
Massac	119	1646	1	1	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	0	Matt Mckim-Louder
McDonough	139	7622	27	15	455	2055	38	388	0	59	43	0	David and Heidi Benson
McHenry	143	19000	49	31	500	2000	86.5	669.5	0	97.75	54.75	0	Rob Gough
McLean	132	4540	8	5	530	1800	21	225	0	32	9	0	Dale Birkenholz

Table 2 – 2012 County Statistics, *continued*

County	Sp.	Birds	Obs	Ptys.	Start	End	Miles Walk	Miles Drive	Miles Other	Hrs Walk	Hrs Drive	Hrs Other	Compiler
Menard	103	917	3	2	545	2000	6	62	0	6.5	3	0	Jim Herkert
Mercer	105	2605	5	4	53	1932	3.6	108.4	0	4.2	20	0	Bill A. Bertrand
Monroe	166	9374	9	7	500	2100	21	229	0	21	28.5	0	Carl Daubach
Montgomery	127	2967	5	3	458	2045	16.5	196	0	21	15	0	Mark Phipps
Morgan	145	4296	4	2	430	2000	6.5	318	0	6.5	26	0	Bill Atwood
Moultrie	N.R.	N.R	N.R	N.R	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Ogle	84	1564	5	4	700	1900	7	103	0	10.5	8	0	Richie Wolf
Peoria	128	3062	6	3	545	1845	9	157	0	18	10	0	Mike Miller
Perry	74	395	1	1	530	1200	2	17	0	2	3	0	Brian Chandler
Piatt	104	2212	14	9	545	2115	20	36	0	24.47	5	0	Charlene Anchor
Pike	137	7943	23	13	437	2145	23.5	462	0	23	39	0	Evelyn Hoover
Pope	123	2972	9	6	200	2230	10	155.2	0	16.5	24.75	0	Andrea Douglas
Pulaski	102	1551	2	2	530	1330	1.5	66	0	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	Bob Lindsay
Putnam	103	3278	2	2	335	1900	4	49.6	0	6	5	0	Michelle Simone
Randolph	143	2778	4	2	539	2015	4	180	0	13.93	12.13	0	Ann Sanders
Richland	140	4862	17	9	400	2000	11.75	347.5	0	12.25	32.25	0	Karen Marie Jameson
Rock Island	126	6017	12	6	430	1900	16.5	283	0	16.5	38.5	0	Tim Murphy
St. Clair	146	5635	8	4	515	2040	15.35	354	0	23.7	17.3	0	Richard Call
Saline	114	1302	2	1	340	1730	2	135	0	1	12	0	Tara Beveroth
Sangamon	150	5203	10	7	430	1930	28.5	199	0	21	23.5	0	Joe Gardner
Schuyler	70	1403	19	16	300	1800	12	11.5	0	32.5	6.5	0	Jack Ramsey
Scott	99	819	3	1	600	1730	2.5	96.5	0	3.5	7	0	Marlys Bandy
Shelby	126	3020	3	2	500	2200	9	122	0	10	10	0	Karen Forcum
Stark	107	2180	1	1	415	2015	4.5	73	0	5	3	0	Jeff Walk
Stephenson	77	819	3	2	810	2000	4	14	0	12	7	0	George Visel
Tazewell	132	5612	7	4	600	2000	12.75	219.2	0	10	31	0	Thad Edmonds
Union	160	7899	6	5	145	2200	20	385	0	17	42.5	0	Vernon Kleen
Vermilion	142	6132	9	6	500	2300	18	333	0	35.5	22.75	0	Marilyn Campbell
Wabash	123	1302	3	2	730	1830	5	102	0	7.5	5	0	Jacqueline L. Hallam
Warren	69	1164	10	8	845	1200	22.25	55	0	27.5	6.5	0	Lynn Schoonover
Washington	105	1223	8	4	700	2000	5.1	66	0	19	3.75	0	Martin Kemper
Wayne	106	516	1	1	1330	2020	2	99	0	1.83	5	N.R.	Marcia Shelby
White	95	747	2	1	530	1030	1	90	0	1	4	0	Bob Shelby
Whiteside	118	4632	11	6	510	2335	17	343	0	11	23	0	Charlene Knudten
Will	163	15442	49	19	600	2000	70.4	539.6	0	74	59	0	Bob Harrison
Williamson	N.R.	N.R	N.R	N.R	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.	N.R.
Winnebago	170	25075	31	13	330	2359	95.75	799.4	26	114.58	43.25	7	Jack Armstrong
Woodford	148	3173	7	5	545	2000	26	147	0	29	15	0	Matthew Winks

N.R. = No Report **** = No data**

Table 3 – Species accounts for the 2012 Spring Bird Count

Species	Total Cos.	No. of Birds	High County (Total)
Greater White-fronted Goose	2	2	2 Counties (1)
Snow Goose	8	50	2 Counties (15)
Ross's Goose	1	1	Franklin (1)
Cackling Goose	1	1	Richland (1)
Canada Goose	96	18212	Kane (1668)
Mute Swan	18	330*	Fulton (78)
Trumpeter Swan	2	5	Carroll (3)
Tundra Swan	1	1	Champaign (1)
Wood Duck	85	3352	Cook (275)
Gadwall	21	134	Woodford (33)
American Wigeon	7	14	Union (4)
Mallard	90	6427	Cook (1079)
Blue-winged Teal	76	1886	Cook (182)
Northern Shoveler	42	527	Clinton (108)
Northern Pintail	4	6	2 Counties (2)
Green-winged Teal	17	65	Cook (17)
Canvasback	4	18	Pike (12)
Redhead	5	8	2 Counties (2)
Ring-necked Duck	10	22	2 Counties (4)
Greater Scaup	1	1	LaSalle (1)

Key to Table:
* New Spring Bird Count High Total
# Ties Previous Spring Bird Count High Total
New species to Count in **Bold** Face and Underlined
Species Reported from a Single County in **Bold** Face

Species	Total Cos.	No. of Birds	High County (Total)
Lesser Scaup	34	249	Cook (35)
Surf Scoter	2	2	2 Counties (1)
Bufflehead	3	18	Cook (10)
Common Goldeneye	1	1	Sangamon (1)
Hooded Merganser	32	95	Winnebago (12)
Common Merganser	3	7	Will (5)
Red-breasted Merganser	19	113	Lake (60)
Ruddy Duck	21	182	Cook (76)
Ring-necked Pheasant	49	541	Champaign (111)
Greater Prairie-Chicken	2	42	Marion (33)
Wild Turkey	84	957	Winnebago (133)
Northern Bobwhite	68	733	Edwards (62)
Common Loon	21	49	Jasper (7)

Table 3 – Species accounts for the 2012 Spring Bird Count, *continued*

Species	Total Cos.	No. of Birds	High County (Total)	Species	Total Cos.	No. of Birds	High County (Total)
Pied-billed Grebe	52	229	Cook (28)	Dunlin	20	395	Fayette (235)*
Horned Grebe	8*	11	DuPage (4)	Stilt Sandpiper	5	16	Fayette (10)
Eared Grebe	2	2	2 Counties (1)	Short-billed Dowitcher	22	162	Fayette (63)
Western Grebe	1	1	Clinton (1)	Long-billed Dowitcher	6	28	Fayette (12)
American White Pelican	32	2330	LaSalle (440)	Wilson's Snipe	25	96	DuPage (27)
Double-crested Cormorant	64	6061	Lake (2314)	American Woodcock	27	100	Winnebago (16)
Neotropic Cormorant	1#	1#	Cook (1)#	Wilson's Phalarope	5	6	Cook (2)
American Bittern	15	22	Cook (3)	Laughing Gull	2	2	2 Counties (1)
Least Bittern	8#	12	Massac (4)	**Franklin's Gull**	1	1	Sangamon (1)
Great Blue Heron	94	3374	DuPage (345)	Bonaparte's Gull	6	174	Hancock (100)
Great Egret	52	1416	Cook (312)	Ring-billed Gull	40	6148	Cook (2298)
Snowy Egret	6	37	Monroe (12)	Herring Gull	10	414	Lake (322)
Little Blue Heron	14	86	St. Claire (42)	**Lesser Black-backed Gull**	1	1	Lake (1)
Cattle Egret	7	88	St. Claire (44)	Caspian Tern	26	796	Lake (373)
Green Heron	77	457	Cook (58)	Common Tern	7	60	Lake (49)
Black-crowned Night-Heron	16	263	Cook (209)	Forster's Tern	22	176	Lake (106)
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	5	10	Union (4)	Black Tern	4	9	Lake (6)
Glossy Ibis	1#	1#	Will (1)#	Rock Pigeon	87	2533	Cook (266)
Black Vulture	10	85	Pulaski (20)	Eurasian Collared-Dove	65*	377	Shelby (24)
Turkey Vulture	96	4039	Pike (170)	Mourning Dove	97	9275	Winnebago (470)
Osprey	21	48	DuPage (5)	Monk Parakeet	2	34	DuPage (25)
Mississippi Kite	12	40	Union (17)	Black-billed Cuckoo	14	29	Pike (8)
Bald Eagle	67*	244	Jo Daviess (25)	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	52	190	Union (27)
Northern Harrier	25	36	3 Counties (4)	Barn Owl	4	13*	Union (7)
Sharp-shinned Hawk	20	29	Cook (10)	**Snowy Owl**	1*	1*	Dekalb (1)*
Cooper's Hawk	59	214	DuPage (47)	Eastern Screech-Owl	34	73	Winnebago (8)
Red-shouldered Hawk	36	124	DuPage (35)	Great Horned Owl	53	177	Cook (17)
Broad-winged Hawk	20	34	Union (19)	Barred Owl	77	482	Adams (36)
Red-tailed Hawk	93	1114	3 Counties (4)	**Short-eared Owl**	1	1	Dekalb (1)
American Kestrel	83	313	DuPage (79)*	Common Nighthawk	48	191	Hamilton (18)
Rough-legged Hawk	1	1	Livingston (1)	Chuck-will's-widow	6	19	Marion (8)
Merlin	2	2	2 Counties (1)	Eastern Whip-poor-will	33	290	Adams (52)
Peregrine Falcon	8	12	Cook (5)	Chimney Swift	89	4866	Kane (509)
Yellow Rail	1	1	Sangamon (1)	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	88	924	Schuyler (80)
King Rail	2	2	2 Counties (1)	Belted Kingfisher	73	324	Cook (40)*
Virginia Rail	18	55	Lake (10)	Red-headed Woodpecker	94	1155	Pike (79)
Sora	47	381	Cook (55)	Red-bellied Woodpecker	95	3498	DuPage (339)
Purple Gallinule	1	1	Putnam (1)	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	19	52	Cook (12)
Common Moorhen	8	14	Marshall (4)	Downy Woodpecker	92	1993	Cook (209)
American Coot	75	7731	Putnam (1285)	Hairy Woodpecker	83	548*	Cook (71)
Sandhill Crane	17	219	McHenry (57)	Northern Flicker	90	1381	Cook (188)
Black-bellied Plover	1	1	Fayette (1)	Pileated Woodpecker	67#	356	Union (42)
American Golden-Plover	25	6882	Coles (3800)	Olive-sided Flycatcher	10	12	2 Counties (2)
Semipalmated Plover	24	142	Fayette (29)	Eastern Wood-Pewee	90	1058	Union (126)
Killdeer	94	3250	Cook (149)	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	4	5	Union (2)
Black-necked Stilt	13*	54	Fulton (13)	Acadian Flycatcher	57*	539*	Union (140)
Greater Yellowlegs	49	409	Clinton (78)	Alder Flycatcher	2	4	Jackson (3)
Lesser Yellowlegs	63	1161	Cook (167)	Willow Flycatcher	19	30	2 Counties (4)
Solitary Sandpiper	70	961	Cook (189)	Least Flycatcher	55	287	Cook (67)
Willet	3	55	LaSalle (48)	Eastern Phoebe	92	1615	Winnebago (84)
Spotted Sandpiper	69	777	Cook (84)	Great Crested Flycatcher	92	1924*	Winnebago (155)*
Upland Sandpiper	7	12	Jasper (3)	**Western Kingbird**	1	1	Madison (1)
Ruddy Turnstone	1	3	Lake (3)	Eastern Kingbird	97	2526	DuPage (125)
Sanderling	3	5	Fayette (3)	Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	4	4	4 Counties (1)
Semipalmated Sandpiper	17	104	Fayette (22)	Loggerhead Shrike	11	25	Edwards (7)
Western Sandpiper	4	19	Alexander (13)	White-eyed Vireo	65	775	Union (137)
Least Sandpiper	46	815	Cook (131)	Bell's Vireo	32*	101*	St. Clair (17)
White-rumped Sandpiper	5	11	2 Counties (4)	Yellow-throated Vireo	69	598	Winnebago (59)
Baird's Sandpiper	3	10	Monroe (7)	Blue-headed Vireo	36	102	DuPage (14)
Pectoral Sandpiper	41	469	Stark (80)	Warbling Vireo	88	2055	Cook (151)

Table 3 – Species accounts for the 2012 Spring Bird Count, *continued*

Species	Total Cos.	No. of Birds	High County (Total)
Philadelphia Vireo	37	77	Champaign (8)
Red-eyed Vireo	86	1426	Union (103)
Blue Jay	97	5392	DuPage (511)
American Crow	96	4438	Winnebago (351)
Fish Crow	17#	120	Alexander (21)
Horned Lark	86	1052	Clinton (86)
Purple Martin	83	3149	Vermilion (139)
Tree Swallow	88	8329	McHenry (743)
No. Rough-winged Swallow	88	3390	Kane (315)
Bank Swallow	54	3517	McHenry (1101)
Cliff Swallow	71	5444	Bureau (399)
Barn Swallow	95	8414	Cook (604)
Carolina Chickadee	38	576	Richland (59)
Black-capped Chickadee	62	3283	Winnebago (488)
Tufted Titmouse	89	2759	Union (240)
Brown Creeper	21	31	3 Counties (3)
Red-breasted Nuthatch	10	25	Iroquois (5)
White-breasted Nuthatch	90	1756	Winnebago (169)
Carolina Wren	77	1131	Union (190)
Bewick's Wren	1	1	Brown (1)
House Wren	90	4351	Winnebago (541)*
Sedge Wren	22	119	Kane (32)
Marsh Wren	35	233	2 Counties (38)
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	1	Scott (1)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	30	226	Cook (87)
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	94	3876	DuPage (402)
Eastern Bluebird	94	2765	Winnebago (117)
Veery	47	202	Cook (79)
Gray-cheeked Thrush	40	131	Cook (18)
Swainson's Thrush	71	505	Cook (63)
Hermit Thrush	26	52	Cook (11)
Wood Thrush	92	1249	Winnebago (85)
American Robin	97	34462	Cook (2996)
Gray Catbird	92	4845	Cook (551)
Northern Mockingbird	72	519	Richland (38)
Brown Thrasher	94	1855	Jo Daviess (66)
European Starling	96	22086	Cook (1806)
American Pipit	12	65	Winnebago (29)
Cedar Waxwing	76*	2123	Adams (114)
Blue-winged Warbler	33	193	Cook (28)
Golden-winged Warbler	24	126	Cook (36)
Tennessee Warbler	82	2282	DuPage (428)
Orange-crowned Warbler	22	96	Cook (24)
Nashville Warbler	72	1072	Cook (292)
Northern Parula	83	1247	Union (109)
Yellow Warbler	88	2645	Cook (402)
Chestnut-sided Warbler	64	419	Cook (87)
Magnolia Warbler	61	491	Cook (143)
Cape May Warbler	35	106	Cook (24)
Black-throated Blue Warbler	10	25	Cook (13)
Yellow-rumped Warbler	83	6601	Cook (2227)
Black-throated Green Warbler	60	716	Cook (213)
Blackburnian Warbler	35	130	Cook (33)
Yellow-throated Warbler	57	228	Union (34)
Pine Warbler	25	104	DuPage (18)
Prairie Warbler	24	131	Pope (35)
Palm Warbler	76	3829	Cook (1776)
Bay-breasted Warbler	21	51	Cook (10)
Blackpoll Warbler	56	286	Clinton (27)
Cerulean Warbler	27	76	Jackson (18)

Species	Total Cos.	No. of Birds	High County (Total)
Black-and-white Warbler	67	496	Cook (148)
American Redstart	75	1251	Cook (149)
Prothonotary Warbler	63	483	Union (70)
Worm-eating Warbler	31	120	Union (34)
Swainson's Warbler	1	1	Franklin (1)
Ovenbird	72	600	Cook (115)
Northern Waterthrush	61	648	Cook (227)
Louisiana Waterthrush	54	209	Union (26)
Kentucky Warbler	62#	483	Union (91)
Connecticut Warbler	4	4	4 Counties (1)
Mourning Warbler	9	21	Macon (7)
Common Yellowthroat	92	5763	Cook (406)
Hooded Warbler	24	68	Union (18)
Wilson's Warbler	21	68	Cook (16)
Canada Warbler	10	17	2 Counties (4)
Yellow-breasted Chat	68	545	Union (78)
Summer Tanager	63	568	Union (106)
Scarlet Tanager	81	834	Cook (97)
Eastern Towhee	91	2083	DuPage (154)
American Tree Sparrow	3	4	Macon (2)
Chipping Sparrow	95	5619	Winnebago (506)
Clay-colored Sparrow	12	51	Winnebago (9)
Field Sparrow	95	3002	DuPage (255)
Vesper Sparrow	51	327	Winnebago (33)
Lark Sparrow	38	152	Winnebago (27)
Savannah Sparrow	74	1675	Cook (281)
Grasshopper Sparrow	68	551	Jo Daviess (118)
Henslow's Sparrow	43*	263*	Union (36)
Le Conte's Sparrow	2	3	Saline (2)
Fox Sparrow	4	4	4 Counties (1)
Song Sparrow	94	5712	DuPage (645)
Lincoln's Sparrow	34	191	Cook (58)
Swamp Sparrow	58	1052	Cook (390)
White-throated Sparrow	72	1974	Cook (732)
White-crowned Sparrow	84	2777	Cook (883)
Dark-eyed Junco	4	4	4 Counties (1)
Smith's Longspur	2#	3	Winnebago (2)
Northern Cardinal	96	10846	Winnebago (830)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	92	3241	Cook (307)
Blue Grosbeak	49	220*	Union (23)
Indigo Bunting	96	7851	Union (507)
Dickcissel	83#	4058*	Monroe (315)
Bobolink	68	1650	DuPage (141)
Red-winged Blackbird	96	55759	McHenry (4868)
Eastern Meadowlark	96	4545	Jo Daviess (188)
Western Meadowlark	26	113	Jo Daviess (20)
Yellow-headed Blackbird	5	29	Cook (12)
Rusty Blackbird	2	2	2 Counties (1)
Brewer's Blackbird	2	13	Lake (12)
Common Grackle	97	21154	Cook (1170)
Brown-headed Cowbird	96	9863	Cook (737)
Orchard Oriole	83	824	Monroe (94)
Baltimore Oriole	95	4939	Cook (488)*
Purple Finch	19	113	Pike (30)
House Finch	90	1923	Winnebago (148)
Common Redpoll	1*	2*	**Will (2)***
Pine Siskin	8	44	DuPage (24)
American Goldfinch	96	11159	Winnebago (978)
House Sparrow	96	12920	Cook (1014)
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	30*	516	Pike (70)

Field Notes:

The 2012 Spring Migration

By Geoffrey A. Williamson

White-winged Dove drawing by Nandu Dubey.

Many observers lamented that the 2012 spring season was a poor one characterized by very low numbers of migrants. Eric Walters remarked that this "was the worst spring passerine migration in 35 years." H. David Bohlen commented that high counts "were among the lowest for many species of any spring since 1998." He also stated, "Almost all counts of warblers were low, and the weather and the very dense vegetation made viewing extremely difficult." Yet this spring season provided an incredible number of early arrival dates, making it one of the more interesting one from the standpoint of the state's avian annals. The reason? Exceptionally hot and dry conditions.

The average statewide temperature for the period from March to May was in 2012 a whopping 8°F warmer than normal, providing for the hottest spring among the 118 years for which we have temperature records. March was particularly warm, with record setting average tempatures of 55.3°F, more than 15° hotter than the 40° norm. In Chicago between the 14th and 22nd of March, temperatures exceeded 80° on eight of those nine days and set records on each, peaking at 87° during a period when 60° would be considered unusually mild. The one day in that span when tempertures reached "only" to 78°, the record high for the date was still tied. These warm temperatures followed one of Illinois's mildest winters, which concluded with a February that was 5.5°F warmer than normal, though in June temperatures returned close to the usual level. Seasonal change in vegetation occurred some three to four weeks ahead of schedule, with the leafing out of deciduous trees being especially noticeable. Furthermore, precipitation levels were well below normal between February and June.

The impact of the season's warmth on bird migration was very apparent and drew the attention of many observers. Associated with the high temperatures early in the season was an early exodus of gulls and other winter residents along with early arrivals by many passerine migrants. Richard Bjorklund noted that migration at Chautauqua was a full month early. Bohlen commented that "many species left very early, especially the sparrows." At least 12 species bested or tied record early arrival dates in 2012. These were Virginia Rail, Spotted Sandpiper, Whimbrel, White-eyed Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Worm-eating Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Grasshopper Sparrow, and Henslow's Sparrow. Additionally, record early dates for American Woodcock, Marsh Wren, and Orange-crowned Warbler were also set, if the individuals involved were not in fact overwintering birds.

The dry conditions also had an impact. Water levels were very low in the Illinois River valley in Mason County, and Richard Bjorklund remarked that the Great Blue Heron and Great Egret colonies suffered widespread failure there. Water birds in other areas were sparse because of the dryness.

Below are discussed some of the more significant aspects and records of the season.

Virginia Rails arrived very early. Previously, there had been 11 March records involving 14 birds. This spring added three March records to the mix: 15 Mar in Kankakee County, 16 Mar in Massac County, and 23 Mar in Jasper County. The first two bested the prior record-early date set 19 Mar 1987 in Springfield. This year's two record setting dates plus that of the 1987 Springfield bird are the only ones earlier than the 23 Mar date for this year's Jasper County bird.

Black-necked Stilts made significant incursions into the central and northern tiers of the state. Counties in the central portion of the state from which stilts were reported included Adams, Brown, Champaign, Coles, Fulton, Mason, McLean, Mercer, and Sangamon, while the northern counties hosting these birds were Lake, McHenry, Putnam, and Will. Lake County's first record of Black-necked Stilt occurred 22 Apr 1992, and was just the ninth record statewide (Johnson, 1992). The 1998 spring season, just 14 years prior to this, marked the first county records for Black-necked Stilt in Champaign and Sangamon counties (Clyne, 1998). The total number of Black-necked Stilts reported statewide that season was 15, a significantly high total at that time. This spring, eBird (Sullivan et al., 2009) included reports totalling to 659 stilts. This total from eBird certainly includes duplicate sightings of some birds. Nonetheless, eliminating all potential duplicates still leaves at least 68 stilts from central Illinois and nine or more from northern Illinois in the total. The presence of Black-necked Stilt in Illinois has clearly changed in the last 15 to 20 years.

The Spotted Sandpiper spotted in early March by Mark Seiffert at Carlyle Lake (and possibly the same bird three days later by Dan Kassebaum) smashed the previous early arrival date by two and half weeks. This year's bird joins only three prior March records for the species.

Big shorebirds were in good supply. The Whimbrels seen 16 Apr at Mermet Lake tied the earliest arrival date, arriving a month ahead of normal. Sightings involving more than one Whimbrel are infrequent, as are those away from Lake Michgan, making the 15 at Spunky Bottoms doubly significant. Conservatively there were at least 25 Hudsonian Godwits noted this spring, which is a respectable season total. Amazingly, Nathan Goldberg photographed 24 Marbled Godwits in one group passing by Chicago's Montrose Point; this total is one shy of the state record high count. At least 13 others were seen during the season.

The flight of White-rumped Sandpipers this spring was very nice, with reports of 20+ coming from five different locations. The Purple Sandpiper 31 Mar in Waukegan is really rather unusual. There are just five prior spring records: one 23 Feb to 2 Mar

2002, another 14 Mar 1961, and records from June in 1979, 1951, and 1895. Dunlin made an early splash into the state. The bird seen 20 Mar in Marion County by Leroy Harrison provided the third earliest arrival ever and the two birds in Sangamon County found 26 Mar by Dave Bohlen were the fourth earliest for central Illinois. This spring's three March records involving 14 Dunlins join the prior 14 March records involving 22 birds. The Buff-breasted Sandpiper 24 May at Chicago's Montrose Point was just the ninth spring record for the state.

The American Woodcock on 20 Jan reported by Leroy Harrison in southeast Illinois was thought to be an early migrant. If so, this may be a record early date. Another contender for that distinction is a bird noted 19 Jan 1985 (Kleen, 1986). Though there are four records of American Woodcock from the first six days of January, the historic record shows a gap with no sightings from 7 Jan to 18 Jan of any year. The possibility of birds attempting or actually managing to winter is difficult to exclude, nonetheless. The one published record that suggests this may happen concerns reference to one to three woodcocks in Massac County reported by Frank's bird fits the pattern of many early arrivals, but also could reflect the impact of a mild winter.

The incredible invasion of Snowy Owls during the 2011/2012 winter including some late lingering birds. Among them were three individuals that stayed into May. The birds noted 14 May and 11 May are now the first and second latest on record, and the one on 5 May the fifth latest. There are only two prior May records for the species: 9 May 1964 and 8 May 2002. Also very late was a Northern Saw-whet Owl photographed in a Champaign County garage by Gene Campbell. Only two prior May records exist, and this year's is the latest.

Hands down, the bird of the season was the flycatcher discovered and photographed by Aaron and Ethan Gyllenhaal in Oak Park, Cook County, on 17 Apr. When photos were posted to the internet, Nathan Goldberg suggested the bird was an elaenia, setting off "Elaenia Mania" for the remainder of the bird's visit, which lasted to 22 Apr. While a conclusive identification to species has not yet been made, evidence is currently leaning toward Small-billed Elaenia, which would constitute a first record for the United States. The other possibility is White-crested Elaenia, in which case this would be a second United States record.

Of the six regularly occurring vireo species, five posted notably early arrivals this spring. An early White-eyed Vireo seen 19 Mar by Keith McMullen at Mermet Lake Conservation Area beat the previous record arrival date by one day and provided just the fifth March date for the species in Illinois, all of which have occurred in the southern portion of the state. Frank Bennett's sighting on 28 Mar, also at Mermet Lake, provided a sixth March record. Early as well was the Yellow-throated Vireo on 31 Mar, which is but the fifth March record. Furthermore, there are only nine dates for Bell's Vireo that are earlier than this year's sighting on 28 Apr. Seven of these occurred in the last six years, which lies in the period of the Southernmost Illinois Birding Blitz. That event may encourage more effort for locating early arrivals of this species. The Warbling Vireo found by Keith McMullen 31 Mar at Mermet Lake Conservation Area was record-early by two days, and McMullen's Red-eyed Vireo on 6 Apr at Pomona in Jackson County was record-early by three days.

Swallows arrived early as well. The only records earlier than the Purple Martins seen 2 Mar are of birds 24 Feb 1923 (see Bohlen (1989)) and 1 Mar 2008. The Northern Rough-winged Swallow seen this year on 18 Mar provided a sighting earlier than all others except for one 16 Mar 1996. Bank Swallows arrived six days earlier than average. Providing the second earliest arrival date were five Cliff Swallows 19 Mar, and a Barn Swallow 5 Mar tied the 2nd earliest arrival date for the species.

Three very early House Wrens were noted 22 Mar, 29 Mar, 30 Mar. The only other March dates for the species are cited in Bohlen (1989): 16 Mar 1982, 26 Mar from early in the 20th century, and 31 Mar 1986. Two Marsh Wrens were seen in southern Illinois in early March. In the literature, the earliest date noted for migrant birds is 20 Mar, so these would be record early migrants unless they represent wintering individuals. However, there were no winter reports of Marsh Wren from the areas where these were reported.

The Blue-gray Gnatcatcher seen by Frank Bennett on 17 Mar set a new record arrival date. Furthermore, the two gnatcatchers seen 25 Mar apparently represent the 5th and 6th earliest records, but see below. Records earlier than 25 Mar include 23 Mar 2011 (2) from Montrose Point, 23 Mar 2011 in Johnson Count, 22 Mar 2009 in Urbana. The 22 Mar 2009 was noted in Mahan (2009) as the 2nd earliest arrival date, but the review of the literature done in preparation of this report did not turn up any earlier date.

The *Catharus* flight was considered by several reporters to be quite poor. Lower than usual high counts of Gray-cheeked Thrush and Swainson's Thrush appear to bear these observations out, but Hermit Thrush totals in contrast seemed strong.

The last Snow Buntings noted were seen 24 Feb. This departure is a month ahead of the average 21 Mar departure date.

Six of the 36 species or warblers seen this spring had notably early or record early dates. There are only four earlier records of Ovenbird (4 Apr 1969 and 14 Apr of 1986, 1992, and 2002) than this year's 15 Apr 2012 bird. The Worm-eating Warbler noted 6 Apr tied the record early date from 1977. The Louisiana Waterthrush 14 Mar was the state's third earliest, bested only by birds seen 11 Mar 1986 and 12 Mar 2011. The Black-and-white Warbler seen 21 Mar by Dave Bohlen in Springfield, the two seen 25 Mar at Ft. Massac State Park by Keith McMullen, and the ones 29 Mar in New Columbia in Massac County found by Frank Bennett and in Whiteside County by Dan Williams were all notably early. Prior to this season there were only nine March occurrences of Black-and-white Warbler. Of these, eight were during the range from 29 to 31 Mar, with the remaining one on the record early date of 16 Mar set in 2003 at Carlyle Lake. Birds seen 29 Mar 1981 and 1991 in Springfield by Dave Bohlen and 29 Mar 2003 in Waukegan by Joan Bruchman were the only March records outside the southern tier, so that Dave Bohlen's bird this year posted a new record-early date for central Illinois and Dan Williams's bird tied the record date for northern Illinois. The total number of March records for the species jumped from nine to 13 in just one year. Keith McMullen located two Prothonotary Warblers in the first third of April: 6 Apr in Johnson County and 9 Apr at Mermet Lake. Both these birds bested the prior record-early date of 11 Apr for the species. The Tennessee Warbler found by Frank Bennett 6 Apr in Massac County joins last year's 9 Apr 2011 bird (also Massac County) as the two earliest on record and the only ones from the first third of April. There are a couple of dates from the first few days of April for Orange-crowned Warbler, and these are the earliest migrants of the species we have on record. The Orange-crowned seen 31 Mar at Ft. Massac State Park by Keith McMullen nudges this record arrival date back. However, Leroy Harrison noted as an early arrival an Orange-crowned Warbler 25 Feb in southeast Illinois. If not a wintering bird, or one that wintered nearby, this would be an exceptionally early date for a northbound bird.

Josh Engel noted a late lingering American Tree Sparrow in Chicago's Grant Park 10 May. There are few later records for the species, all from the northeast portion of the state. The latest was 27 May 2011 in Chicago's Lincoln Park, with another 21 May 1985 from Joliet (Will County), and the other later record 16 May 1996 in Palatine (Cook County).

Alex Bloss's Vesper Sparrow 11 Mar at Montrose tied the record early northern Illinois arrival date from 1985. There are only three Lark Sparrows known to have arrived in Illinios earlier than the two seen 9 Apr at Carlyle Lake (Dan Kassebaum) and in Fulton County (Larry Hood). The Grasshopper Sparrow photographed 14 Mar at Chicago's Montrose Point by Josh Engel, and presumably the same bird seen there three days later, provided record early arrival dates for the species. The previous record early date was set 22 Mar 1938, 74 years ago.

Before 2012, there had been 12 Henslow's Sparrows found in March in Illinois. Eleven of these were located in southern Illinois during the spring seasons from 2007 to 2010, so there has been a recent trend for earlier arrival of this species. However, the eight to 10 individuals found 21 Mar of this year at Prairie Ridge State Natural Area by Leroy Harrison was unprecented, both in terms of the number of individuals for that time of year and also for 21 Mar besting the old record early arrival by four days. The Henslow's Sparrow that Josh Engel photographed at Chicago's Northerly Island is the second earliest for the state and the earliest for northern Illinois. The only other March record from northern Illinois comes from a specimen taken in DuPage County on 28 Mar 1910. Also notable were Keith McMullen's three Henslow's Sparrows 25 Mar in Johnson County, though these "only tied" the prior record early date.

Leroy Harrison's Nelson's Sparrow 4 Jun at Prairie Ridge State Natural Area set a record late date for southern Illinois. All the previous eight June records were from northern Illinois (with seven of those in Chicago). Just three were later than Harrison's bird: one 5 Jun 1983 in Chicago noted by Jim Landing, one 6 Jun 1971 at Goose Lake Prairie seen by Larry Balch and Charlie Clark, and the latest 11 Jun 1997 seen by John Purcell in Chicago.

A Harris's Sparrow in Logan County was seen on the exceptionally early date of 5 Mar by Andy Sigler and Mike Madsen. The only earlier date for Harris's Sparrow in at least the last 27 years was a bird 14 Feb 2010.

The Yellow-headed Blackbird found 18 Mar at Emiquon Preserve was exceptionally early. It is the fifth earliest on record, and one of only 11 for March.

This summary of the spring season would not be possible without the reporting of sightings in various venues by observers throughout the state. The information used to create this report came from seasonal field notes and sightings submitted to the author, from documentation submitted to the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee, from reports to eBird (Sullivan et al., 2009), from reports to the several birding list serves in Illinois, and from posts to the Illinois Birders' Forum internet bulletin board. The author expresses special appreciation to those 37 individuals who submitted field notes and commentary directly to him, as those submissions always prove especially helpful in preparing the seasonal summary and add context that is frequently not available through other sources such as eBird and posts to internet bulletin boards and list serves. With more than about 220 cited observers, less than 20% of the individuals are providing information this way. Of course, the effort made by observers to make information about sightings available through other means is also appreciated. However, I strongly encourage individuals to submit their sightings to eBird and to submit their most notable observations with commentary directly to the seasonal report editor. Information reported in other venues is easily overlooked, and some significant information in eBird can easily evade notice in the volume of data appearing there without attention being brought to it by observer notes. Perspectives on the season as a whole or on parts of the season are also quite valuable.

The observers for individual records in the report are credited by including their initials immediately following mention of the record. The individuals cited are listed below, with the order of the list alphabetic in relation to the observers' initials. Where more than one observer shares the same initials, a modified set of intiials is used to provide disambiguation, with this modification shown in the list of observers. In some cases, a citation pertains to an organization or institution. Abbreviations for these are listed separately.

List of Organizations and Institutions:

BWBW = Busey Woods Bird Walks led by Greg S. Lambeth at Urbana's Busey Woods

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The following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

EA	= earliest arrival(s)	1st /2nd /...	= first plumage cycle/ second plumage cycle/...	NP	= Nature Preserve
MC	= maximum count(s)	CA	= Conservation Area	NWR	= National Wildlife Refuge
LD	= latest departure(s)	Co(s)	= County (Counties)	P	= Park
*	= documented record	CP	= County Park	Pr	= Prairie
m.ob.	= many observers	Crk	= Creek	R	= River
n.d.	= no details	FP	= Forest Preserve	Res	= Reservoir
:ph	= photographed	FS	= Field Station	SF	= State Forest
spec(s)	= specimen(s)	FWA	= Fish and Wildlife Area	SFWA	= State Fish and Wildlife Area
ad(s)	= adult(s)	I	= Island	SHS	= State Historic Site
alt	= alternate	L	= Lake	Sl	= Slough
imm(s)	= immature(s)	L&D	= Lock & Dam	SNA	= State Natural Area
juv(s)	= juvenile(s)	M	= Marsh	SP	= State Park
plum	= plumage	NC	= Nature Center	Wds	= Woods

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Adams Wildlife Sanctuary = Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, Springfield (Sangamon Co)

AmnBot	= American Bottoms (Monroe County)
Aroma Park	= Aroma Park (Kankakee Co)
BakersL	= Bakers Lake, Barrington (Cook Co)
Beall Wds	= Beall Woods State Park (Wabash Co)
Bellrose Rsv	= Frank Bellrose Waterfowl Reserve (Pulaski Co)
Bloomington	= Bloomington (McLean Co)
BraidwoodL	= Braidwood (Will Co)
BuseyWds	= Busey Woods Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)
CarlL	= Carlyle Lake (Bond, Clinton, and Fayette Cos)
CarlL-B	= Carlyle Lake (Bond Co)
CarlL-C	= Carlyle Lake (Clinton Co)
CarlL-F	= Carlyle Lake (Fayette Co)
CBG	= Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe (Cook Co)
Champaign	= Champaign (Champaign Co)
Chau	= Lake Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)
Chi	= Chicago (Cook Co)
CIPS L	= Central Illinois Public Service Company Lake (Jasper Co)
ClearL	= Clear Lake (Mason Co)
ClinL	= Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)
COLSP	= Chain-O'-Lakes State Park (Lake Co)
CONWR	= Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co)
DYNL	= Dick Young/Nelson Lake Forest Preserve (Kane Co)
ECapeGir	= East Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co)
EForkL	= East Fork Lake (Richland Co)
Emiquon	= The Nature Conservancy Emiquon Preserve (Fulton Co)
EPSTP	= El Paso Sewage Treatment Plant, El Paso (Woodford Co)
ESTL	= East St. Louis (St. Clair Co)
EwingP	= Ewing Park, Bloomington (McLean Co)
Fermi	= Fermilab (DuPage Co)
FishHatchery	= Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery (Mason Co)
Ft. Massac	= Ft. Massac State Park (Massac Co)
GLPSNA	= Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area (Grundy Co)
GrantP	= Grant Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
GLNTC	= Great Lakes Naval Training Center (Lake Co)
GreenR	= Green River Conservation Area (Lee Co)
GreeneVal	= Greene Valley Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
HennepinL	= Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam Co)
Heron Pond	= Heron Pond Nature Preserve (Johnson Co)
HL	= Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)
HLCA	= Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area (Alexander Co)
IBSP	= Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)

Abbreviations for place names, continued

JP = Jackson Park and vicinity, Chicago (Cook Co)
Kankakee = Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
KLMSNA = Kidd Lake Marsh State Natural Area (Monroe Co)
Larue-Pine Hills = Larue-Pine Hills Research Natural Area (Union Co)
LaSalleL = LaSalle Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (LaSalle Co)
LCal = Lake Calumet area (Cook Co)
LeVasseurP = LeVasseur Park-Perry Farm, Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
LincP = Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
LostMound = Lost Mound National Wildlife Refuge (Jo Daviess and Carroll Cos)
LRen = Lake Renwick (Will Co)
LShel = Lake Shelbyville (Moultrie Co)
L&D 13 = Lock & Dam 13, Mississippi River (Whiteside Co)
MArb = Morton Arboretum (DuPage Co)
MBC = Mackinaw Bluffs Corridor (Woodford Co)
McGinnisSl = McGinnis Slough (Cook Co)
MeadbrkPk = Meadowbrook Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)
MermetL = Mermet Lake Conservation Area (Massac Co)
Midewin = Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co)
MidSav = Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
MissPalis = Mississippi Palisades State Park (Carroll Co)
MomenceSod = Momence sod farms (Kankakee Co)
MomenceWet = Momence Wetlands (Kankakee Co)
Montrose = Montrose Point, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
Mskoda = Mskoda Sands Preserve, St. Anne Township (Kankakee Co)
Nachusa = Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co)
NOND = Northern Ozark Natural Division, Mississippi River Blufflands (Monroe Co)
NoP = North Pond, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
Oakwood Btms = Oakwood Bottoms (Jackson Co)
O'Fallon WTP = O'Fallon Wastewater Treatment Plant (St. Clair Co)
Palos = Palos area (sw. Cook Co)
PaulDouglas = Paul Douglas Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
Peabody = Peabody River King State Fish and Wildlife Area (St. Clair Co)
PeacockM = marsh at Peacock Engineering Company warehouse, Bolingbrook (Will Co)
Pecatonica = Pecatonica (Winnebago Co)
Pembroke Twp = Pembroke Township (Kankakee Co)
Pomona = Pomona (Jackson Co)
PrRdg = Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper & Marion Cos)
PrRdg-J = Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
PrRdg-M = Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Marion Co)
Quincy Bay = Quincy Bay, Quincy (Adams Co)
Rckfd = Rockford (Winnebago Co)
RendL = Rend Lake (Franklin and Jefferson Cos)
RendL-F = Rend Lake (Franklin Co)
RendL-J = Rend Lake (Jefferson Co)
RockCut = Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago Co)
RollinsSav = Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
Ryerson = Ryerson Conservation Area (Lake Co)
Sangchris = Sangchris Lake State Park (Sangamon and Christian Cos)
SantaFe = Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co)
ShabbonaL = Shabbona Lake State Park (DeKalb Co)
Shirland = Shirland (Winnebago Co)
SNF = Shawnee National Forest (various Co)
Spfld = Springfield (Sangamon Co)
SpringL = Spring Lake (Tazewell Co)
StarvedRock = Starved Rock State Park (LaSalle County)
TOT = Trail of Tears State Forest (Union Co)
UCCA = Union County Conservation Area (Union Co)
Urbana = Urbana (Champaign Co)
Wauk = Waukegan (Lake Co)
WhalonL = Whalon Lake Forest Preserve (Will Co)
WhisperingWillows = Whispering Willows Park, Bourbonnais (Kankakee Co)
WinthropH = Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)

2012 Spring Migration Field Notes

BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK

MermetL, 3 May (JSn:ph, GK:ph).

Greater White-fronted Goose

EA: 19 Feb (95+), Sparland (Marshall Co) (EWW); 19 Feb (18), Ocoya (Livingston Co) (EWW); 20 Feb, Aledo (Mercer Co) (BAB); 25 Feb (5), Wilmington (Will Co) (JBH); 29 Feb (33), JP (PRC). **MC**: 1367, ClinL, 9 Mar (MEF); 586, HL, 4 Mar (FRH); 450, L&D 13, 20 Feb (DTW); 171, Ridott (Stephenson Co), 13 Mar (DTW); 160+, L&D 14 (Mississippi R, Rock Island Co), 10 Mar (EWW); 154, KLMSNA, 4 Mar (C&PD). **LD**: 25 May, Emiquon (KAM); 12 May, Thompson L (Fulton Co) (AAA); 5 May, L&D 20 (Mississippi R, Adams Co) (AMR, PJR); 1 May, JP (RLS); 22 Apr, HL (FRH); 6 Apr (2, injured), CarlL-C (DMK).

Snow Goose

MC: 800, CarlL-C, 8 Mar (DMK); 440, ClinL, 9 Mar (MEF); 438, KLMSNA, 4 Mar (C&PD); 125, *e. Grundy*, 1 Mar (JBH); 9, JP, 14 Mar (PRC et al.). **LD**: 30 May (2, injured), CarlL-C (DMK); 27 May, Montrose (LGM); 19 May (5), w of Prairie City (McDonough Co) (LLH); 15 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 12-13 May, L&D 21 (Mississippi R, Adams Co) (AMR, PJR); 30 Apr, HL (FRH).

Ross's Goose

MC: 32, ClinL, 9 Mar (MEF); 20, *e. Grundy*, 1 Mar (JBH); 20, CarlL-C, 10 Mar (DMK); 9, HL, 6 Mar (KAM). **LD**: 30 Apr, HL (FRH); 23 Apr (2), Bolingbrook (Will Co) (BT:ph); 16 Apr, CarlL-C (KAM); 7 Apr, Salt ForkR (Vermilion Co) (JSh); 27 Mar (2), LCal (WJM).

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[MermetL, 2-8 May].

Cackling Goose

EA: 12 Feb, se Illinois (CLH); 20 Feb, Aledo (Mercer Co) (BAB); 29 Feb (4), WhisperingWillows (JBH). **MC**: 58, *Kane*, 3 Mar (DFS); 30, HennepinL, 4 Mar (BC); 19, WhisperingWillows, 4 Mar (JBH); 13, Ridott (Stephenson Co), 11-13 Mar (DTW). **LD**: 5 May, EForkL (CLH); 22 Mar (2), *e Grundy* (JBH).

Canada Goose

EA: 17 Jan (1000+ flying wnw), Mundelein (Lake Co) (TA); 31 Jan (13), Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 29 Feb (23 migrants), JP (PRC). **MC**: 948, JP, 19 Feb (PRC); 512, Ridott (Stephenson Co), 13 Mar (DTW); 500, HennepinL, 4 Mar (BC); 300, WhisperingWillows , 29 Feb (JBH); 76, Chau, 2 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD**: 7 Mar (254), JP (PRC), "last date for discerned migrants at this location."

Mute Swan

EA: 25 Feb (3), Wilmington (Will Co) (JBH). **MC**: 40, SpringL, 10 May (MJW); 25, Emiquon, 22 May (KAM); 17, LCal, 27 Mar & 2 May (WJM). **LD**: 13 May (migrating), Sibley Grasslands (Ford Co) (EWW).

Trumpeter Swan

MC: 18, Ridott (Stephenson Co), 11 Mar (DTW); 7, Upper Mississippi NWR (Carroll Co), 10 Mar (DWy). **Others**: Lincoln (Logan Co) (2), 9 May (JWW).

Tundra Swan

EA: 6 Feb (6), L&D 13 (DH); 19 Feb (14), Sparland (Marshall Co) (EWW); 19 Feb (61), ClinL (GSL); 19 Feb (45), Kennekuk CP (Vermilion Co) (SR). **MC**: 153, L&D 13, 10 Mar (DWy); 61, see above; 45, see above; 17, Saucr Family Prairic Kame FP (Kane Co), 1 Mar (JJD); 17, Middlc Fork Rivcr FP (Champaign Co), 16 Mar (BSs); 14, see above; 11, ShabbonaL, 9 Mar (EWW); 6, HennepinL, 4 Mar (BC). **LD**: 5-18 May, Middle Fork River FP (Champaign Co) (BSs); 1 May (2), LRen (ASA:ph); 11 Mar (5), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 8 Mar, Bailey Wetland (Wayne Co) (CLH).

Wood Duck

EA: 26 Feb, Heron CP (Vermilion Co) (BS); 4 Mar (4), near Dickson Mounds (Fulton Co) (LLH); 4 Mar, RockCut (DTW). **MC**: 191, Chau, 13 Apr (RG&SNB); 137, AmnBot, 20 May (C&PD); 82, *Union*, 5 May (VMK); 50, Emiquon, 25 May (KAM); 24, LincP, 26 May (GAW); 22, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB).

Gadwall

EA: 26 Feb, Heron CP (Vermilion Co) (BS); 28 Feb (6), *Warren* (LLH); 8 Mar (6), Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 25 Mar, Aledo (Mercer Co) (BAB). **MC**: 674, Chau, 16 Mar (RG&SNB); 600, HL, 6 Mar (KAM); 400, CarlL-C, 8 Mar (DMK); 180, HennepinL, 10 Mar (BC); 55, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 31 Mar (TJD). **LD**: 4 Jun (2♂), PrRdg-M (CLH); 25 May (10), Emiquon (KAM); 6 May (4), CarlL-F (DMK); 5 May, HL (FRH); 5 May (2), *Union* (VMK); 5 May, Quincy Bay (AMR, PJR).

EURASIAN WIGEON

EA: [13 Mar, BannerM (Peoria Co)]. **LD**: 6 Apr (♂), Sangchris (HDB:ph). "apparently paired with a female American Wigeon" (HDB).

American Wigeon

EA: 29 Feb, Heron CP (Vermilion Co) (BS). **MC**: 153, ClinL, 16 Mar (MEF); 60, *Johnson*, 10 Mar (KAM); 30, CarlL-F, 8 Mar (DMK); 8, Chau, 2 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD**: 28 May, Grass L (Lake Co) (BJS); 20 May, RollinsSav (BJS); 12 May, RendL-J (TJD); 6 May (2), CarlL-F (DMK); 5 May (4), *Union* (VMK); 2 May (2), Spfld (HDB).

American Black Duck

MC: 9, ClinL, 16 Mar (MEF); 8, Chau, 2 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD**: 1 May, JP (RLS); 16 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 8 Apr, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 25 Mar (2), Split Rock L (LaSalle Co) (BC). **Hybrid**: American Black Duck X Mallard: 6 Mar (♂) & 19 May, JP (PRC & RLS resp); 20 May, CarlL-F (KAM).

Mallard

MC: 9333, ClinL, 9 Mar (MEF); 1308, ClearL, 2 Mar (RG&SNB); 1236, KLMSNA, 4 Mar (C&PD); 410, Illinois R (LaSalle Co), 23 Mar (BC); 400, *e. Grundy*, 1 Mar (JBH); 400, CarlL-F, 5 Apr (DMK).

Blue-winged Teal

EA: 27 Feb, ArcolaM (Douglas Co) (EGn, RF, TDF, RBy); 29 Feb, *Monroe* (C&PD); 29 Feb, Heron CP (Vermilion Co) (BS); 2 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 7 Mar (3♂), *Sangamon* (HDB); 11 Mar (4), Pecatonica (DTW); 24 Mar, JP (RLS). **MC**: 4000, CarlL-F, 5-6 Apr (DMK); 800, CarlL-C, 15 Apr (DMK); 403, AmnBot, 29 Mar (C&PD); 245, Chau, 13 Apr (RG&SNB); 160+, IBSP, 16 Apr (EWW). **LD**: 1 Jun (2), Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 26 May (2), *Hancock* (AMR, PJR); 22 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 16 May (2), NoP (NPBW); 16 May (♂), JP (PRC).

Cinnamon Teal

15 Apr (♂), McHenry Dam (McHenry Co) (MAT:ph).

Eurasian Wigeon. Sangchris Lake, Sangamon County. 6 April 2012. Photo by H. David Bohlen, Illinois State Museum.

Harlequin Duck. 31st Street Beach, Chicago, Cook County. 5 March 2012. Photo by Jackie Bowman.

Northern Shoveler

EA: 26 Feb, Heron CP (Vermilion Co) (BS); 7 Mar (4), JP (PRC). **MC**: 2500, Emiquon, 18 Mar (JIE); 1600, CarlL-C, 8 Mar (DMK); 1200, CarlL-F, 6 Apr (DMK); 846, Chau, 16 Mar (RG&SNB); 500, L&D 13, 17 Mar (JAS et al.). **LD**: 2 Jun (4), Nygren Wetlands (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 30 May, CarlL-F (DMK); 25 May (10), Emiquon (KAM); 18 May (2♂), RendL-J (CLH); 13 May, *Sangamon* (HDB).

Northern Pintail

EA: 26 Feb (3), Heron CP (Vermilion Co) (BS); 29 Feb (27), LeVasseurP (JBH); 4 Mar (31), Emiquon (LLH). **MC**: 1600, CarlL-C, 8 Mar (DMK); 1183, Chau, 2 Mar (RG&SNB); 1056, ClinL, 9 Mar (MEF). **LD**: 28 May (3), Grass L (Lake Co) (BJS); 25 May (♂), Emiquon (KAM); 24 May (♂ & ♀, ♂ remaining into Jun), PrRdg-M (CLH); 20 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 19 May, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH).

Green-winged Teal

EA: 29 Feb, Heron CP (Vermilion Co) (BS); 11 Mar (5), JP (PRC). **MC**: 2350, Chau, 2 Mar (RG&SNB); 2000, CarlL-F,1-7 Apr (DMK); 1200, Split RockL (LaSalle Co), 25 Mar (BC); 800, CarlL-C, 25 Mar (DMK); 600, Bellrose Rsv, 19 Mar (KAM); 300, *Grundy*, 4 Mar (JAS, PAM); 100+, Quincy Bay, 12 Mar (AGD). **LD**: 31 May (♂), Montrose (SGS:ph); 27 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 21 May (♂ remaining into Jun), PrRdg-M (CLH); 20 May, CarlL-C (DMK).

Canvasback

EA: 25 Feb (3), RockCut (DTW). **MC**: 4000, L&D 13, 17 Mar (JAS et al.); 286, ClearL, 2 Mar (RG&SNB); 200, CarlL-C, 8 Mar (DMK); 150, see above; 60, ShabbonaL, 4 Mar (DJS); 14, Emiquon, 4 Mar (LLH). **LD**: 22 Apr, CarlL-F (DMK); 18 Apr (♂), CarlL-F (KAM); 15 Apr, HL (FRH); 6 Mar (2), JP (PRC).

Redhead

MC: 140, RockCut, 8 Mar (DTW); 75, Independence Grove FP (Lake Co), 18 Mar (JAS et al.); 70, ShabbonaL, 4 Mar (DJS); 40, CarlL-C, 8 Mar (DMK); 26, Chau, 2 Mar (RG&SNB); 12, Cobb P, Kankakee, 11 Mar (JBH). **LD**: 25 May (2♂, ♀), Emiquon (KAM); 20 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 7 May (♀), *Sangamon* (HDB); 2 May (♂ & ♀), LCal (WJM).

Ring-necked Duck

EA: 4 Mar (21), RockCut (DTW); 6 Mar (♀), JP (PRC). **MC**: 1000, L&D 13 (JAS et al.); 647, Chau, 2 Mar (RG&SNB); 200, CarlL-C, 8 Mar (DMK); 100, *Johnson*, 10 Mar (KAM); 75, RockCut, 7 Mar (DTW). **LD**: 31 May, Aledo (Mercer Co) (BAB); 12 May, LCal (NLB, JDW, JB, NG); 21 Apr (♂ & ♀), IBSP (EWW); 17 Apr (2♀), MermetL (KAM).

Greater Scaup

MC: 92, JP, 26 Feb (PRC); 70, WinthropH, 18 Feb (IOS); 23, RockCut, 25 Feb (DTW); 20+, Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 10 Mar (EWW). **LD**: 5 May (4), IBSP (BJS); 29 Apr (4), CarlL-F (DMK); 20 Apr (6), IBSP (EWW); 18 Apr, JP (PRC); 24 Mar (♀), EForkL (CLH).

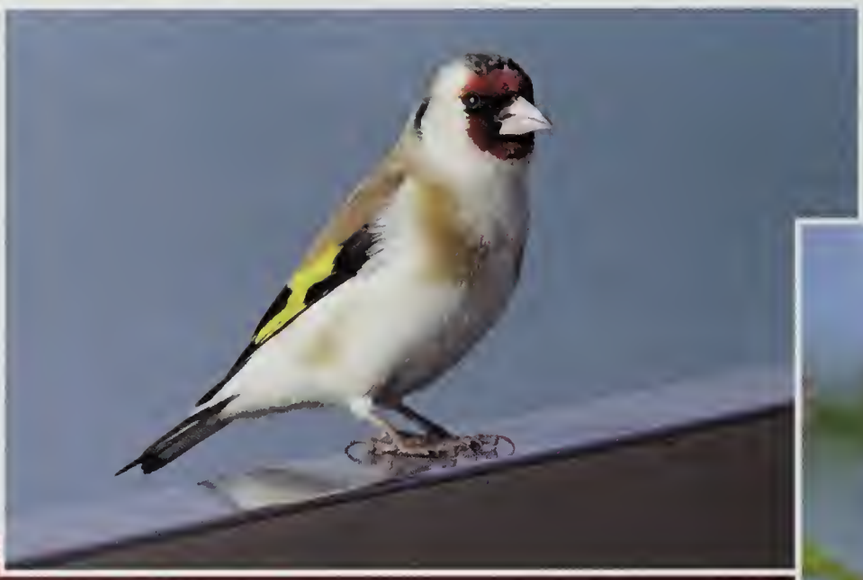
Cinnamon Teal. Moraine Hills State Park, McHenry County. 15 April 2012. Photo by Mary Anne Thomas.

Lesser Scaup

EA: 2 Mar (47), RockCut (DTW). **MC**: 2000, CarlL-C, 8 Mar (DMK); 700, Upper Mississippi R NWR, 10 Mar (DWy); 320, Grunwald Farms FP (Kane Co), 15 Mar (DJS); 300, ClearL, 2 Mar (RG&SNB); 250, ShabbonaL, 4 & 10 Mar (DJS); 200, CarlL-F, 5-8 Apr (DMK). **LD**: 31 May (2), *Sangamon* (HDB); 30 May (2), CarlL-F (DMK); 19 May, *Jackson* (CLH, VMK, et al.); 18 May (♂ & ♀), RendL-J (CLH); 13 May (3), Montrose (MF).

Harlequin Duck

LD: 28 Mar (♂), Northerlyl (Chi) (JIE:ph); 22 Feb (♀), LincP (JIN).



European Goldfinch.
Waukegan, Lake County.
1 April 2012.
Photo by Mark Bowman.

Photo Gallery:
Spring Birds

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck.
Mermet Lake, Massac County.
3 May 2012.
Photo by John Schwegman.

Cerulean Warbler.
Rock Cut State Park, Winnebago County.
19 May 2012.
Photo by Jackie Bowman.

Red-breasted Merganser.
Diversey Harbor, Chicago, Cook County.
1 March 2012.
Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Eared Grebe.
Fermilab, DuPage County.
28 April 2012.
Photo by Jackie Bowman.

Summer Tanager.
Goreville, Johnson County.
19 May 2012.
Photo by Karen Lund.

Canada Warbler.
Montrose, Chicago, Cook County. 8 May 2012.
Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Green Heron with frog.
Rock Cut State Park,
Winnebago County.
19 May 2012.
Photo by Jackie Bowman.

American Avocets.
White Oak Park, Bloomington,
McLeanCounty. 28 April 2012.
Photo by Benjamin Murphy.

Ruddy Turnstones.
Montrose, Chicago,
Cook County.
16 May 2012.
Photo by Jackie Bowman.

Surf Scoter

MC: 2, Montrose, 14 Apr (GAW, CLW); 2, see below. **LD**: 5 May (ad ♂), *Livingston* (DBJ et al.); 26-28 Apr (2 ♀), Chau (KBR et al.); 22 Apr, Montrose (KH); 6 Apr, MermetL (KAM); 25 Mar (♀), Spfld (HDB).

White-winged Scoter

EA: 1 Mar, Saganashkee Sl (Cook Co) (WSS). **MC**: 3, JP, 26 Feb (PRC); 2, WinthropH, 11 Mar (BJS). **LD**: 13 Apr (♀), GLNTC (DRD); 11 Mar (2), see above; 11 Mar, Montrose (GAW, CLW, JIE).

Long-tailed Duck

EA: 2 Feb (95), IBSP (EWW). **MC**: 275, WinthropH, 18 Feb (IOS); 120+, IBSP, 4 Mar (EWW). **LD**: 27-31 Mar (2), Spoon L (Knox Co) (MJB, DJM); 28 Mar (♀), Spfld (HDB); 11 Mar, Morris (Grundy Co) (JAS, PAM); 10 Mar (♀), EForkL (CLH).

Bufflehead

MC:165, McGinnisSl, 20 Mar (WSS); 80, CarlL-C, 8, 10, & 25 Mar (DMK); 70, SpringL (Carroll Co), 17 Mar (JAS et al.); 24, Chau, 13 Apr (RG&SNB); 20, JP, 18 Mar (PRC). **LD**: 15 May, GrantP (JIE, JDW); 15 May, Eggers Wds FP (Chi) (DFS); 6 May (♀ w/injured eye), Urbana (Weaver P) (GSL:ph et al.); 5 May (2), JP (RLS); 1 May (♀), *Sangamon* (HDB); 22 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 21 Apr, HL (FRH).

Common Goldeneye

MC: 350, Skokie Lagoons (Cook Co), 3 Mar (MD); 81, JP, 26 Feb (PRC); 51, Chau, 2 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD**: 8 May (♂), *Sangamon* (HDB); 23 Apr, CarlL-F (CAT, MSS); 9 Apr, ArcolaM (Douglas Co) (MM-L et al.); 28 Mar (2), JP (PRC); 24 Mar, Montrose (JIE).

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE

LD: 6 Mar, Skokie Lagoons (Cook Co) (♂) (AFS), continuing from winter season.

Hooded Merganser

EA: 4 Mar, Emiquon (LLH); 12 Mar, Quincy Bay (AGD). **MC**: 40, Palos, 4 Mar (JAS); 27, KLMSNA, 20 Apr (C&PD); 25, Saganashkee Sl (Cook Co), 1 Mar (WSS); 9, RockCut, 4 Mar (DTW). **LD**: 4 Jun, Montrose (RDH); 26 May (2 ♀), *Hancock* (AMR, PJR).

Common Merganser

MC: 670, LRen, 4 Mar (DFS); 600, Saganashkee Sl (Cook Co), 1 Mar (WSS); 128, ClinL, 2 Mar (MEF); 80, ShabbonaL, 4 Mar (DJS). **LD**: 27 May (♂), Spfld (HDB); 6 May (3), Des Plaines CA (Will Co) (JAS); 4 May (♀), CIPS L (CLH); 27 Apr (3), Fermi (BD); 10 Mar (2), CarlL-C (DMK).

Red-breasted Merganser

MC: 800, CarlL-C, 11 Mar (DMK); 350, Skokie Lagoons (Cook Co), 13 Mar (MC); 250, NorthcrlyI (Chi), 19 Mar (JDW); 141, Palos, 3 Mar (CAT); 90, JP, 29 Feb (PRC); 55, HL, 8 Mar (FRH); 38, ClinL, 2 Mar (MEF). **LD**: 29 May (2), LCal (CAM); 26 May (12), Rainbow P (Chi) (DFS); 22 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 20 May, Metropolis (Massac Co) (CLH, VMK, et al.); 20 May, MendotaL (LaSalle Co) (JEH); 20 May (6 ♀), IBSP (EWW); 17 May (♀), *Sangamon* (HDB).

Greater Prairie-Chickens. Prairie Ridge State Natural Area, Jasper County. 30 March 2012. Photo by Jackie Bowman.

Common Loon. Montrose, Chicago, Cook County. 14 April 2012. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Horned Grebe. Montrose, Chicago, Cook County. 14 April 2012. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Ruddy Duck

EA: 25 Mar, Aledo (Mercer Co) (BAB); 15 Apr (9), JP (PRC). **MC**: 3996, Chau, 16 Mar (RG&SNB); 1200, CarlL-C, 11 Mar (DMK); 42, McGinnisSl, 5 May (WSS). **LD**: 30 May, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 25 May (12), Emiquon (KAM); 20 May, HL (FRH); 12 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 5 May, Aledo (Mercer Co) (BAB); 5 May (5), BakersL (GAW, CLW, JV).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 20, *Hamilton*, 5 May (CAT); 11, Mskoda, 5 May (JBH); 10, PrRdg (CLH, VMK, et al.); 6, *Jackson*, 19 May (VMK, CLH, et al.); 6, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 4, CarlL-C, 12 May (DMK); 4, PrRdg-M, 30 May (DMK); 3, CarlL-C, 22 Apr (DMK); 3, McDonough, 5 May (LLH).

Remarks: "Numbers continue to decline (McDonough Co area); few calling males" (LLH).

Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 8, Mskoda, 15 Mar (JBH); 8, MBC, 6 May (MEF); 6, DYNL, 17 Apr (JAS); 3, GLPSNA, 22 May (KAM).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

MC: 23, PrRdg-J, 9 Mar (RES); 6, PrRdg-M, 24 Apr (JWW, ELK, DJO, WEL).

Wild Turkey

MC: 31, MermetL, 19 Mar (KAM); 27, Pecatonica, 5 Mar (DTW); 16, CarlL-C, 9 Apr (DMK); 13, Rckfd, 1 Mar (DTW); 4, LeVasseurP, 17 May (JBH).

Common Loon

EA: 4 Mar, HL (FRH); 5 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 11 Mar (ad), Spfld (HDB); 16 Mar (2), ClinL (MEF); 21 Mar (3), LZurich (Lake Co) (SDB); 24 Mar, RockCut (DTW, BCW); 30 Mar, WhalonL (CMA). **MC**: 64, *Lake*, 24 Mar (DBJ); 16, Antioch (Lake Co), 16 Mar (BJS). **LD**: 26 May, ShabbonaL (DJS); 21 May (3), EForkL, one remaining into Jun (CLH); 12 May, Palos (NLB, JDW, JB, NG); 7 May, Spfld (HDB); 6 May (3), EvergreenL (Woodford Co) (MEF); 5 May, LVermilion (Vermilion Co) (EJC, JSh); 4 May, MermetL (EWW).

Pied-billed Grebe

EA: 8 Mar, HL (FRH); 8 Mar (2), CarlL-C (DMK); 8 Mar (3), IBSP (EWW); 10 Mar, JP (KMC). **MC**: 118, CONWR, 3 Mar (WDR); 42, PowderhornL FP (Cook Co), 3 Apr (DFS); 30, L&D 13, 17 Mar (JAS et al.); 24, MermetL, 6 Apr (KAM); 19, Chau, 27 Apr (RG&SNB). **LD**: 8 May, Spfld (HDB); 5 May, JP (PRC).

Horned Grebe

EA: 10 Feb (8), *Randolph* (MSS); 14 Feb, BraidwoodL (JBH); 19 Feb (2), O'Fallon WTP (D&MAM); 24 Feb (2), Bloomington (BM); 24 Feb (3), Elgin (Kane Co) (SAC). **MC**: 27, *Tazewell*, 25 Mar (MJW, TH); 20, ClinL, 9 Mar (MEF); 18, PistakeeL (Lake Co), 18 Mar (DBJ); 10, Chau, 13 Apr (RG&SNB). **LD**: 26 May, LaSalleL (BC); 17-20 May (2), IBSP (EWW); 14 May, CarlL-C (KAM); 5-7 May, EForkL (CLH); 5 May, LVermilion (Vermilion Co) (EJC, JSh); 2 May, JP (PRC); 2 May, LCal (WJM); 28 Apr (2), GlendaleL (Pope Co) (GAW, CLW).

Red-necked Grebe

EA: 3 Mar (2), Peabody (TJD). **LD**: 25 Mar, *Whiteside* (DH).

Eared Grebe

EA: 8 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 21 Apr (alt plum), CharlestonL (Coles Co) (RBy); 23 Apr – 3 May, Fermi (PK, ASA:ph, NG:ph, m.ob.:ph). **LD**: 3 Jun, DelMonte Ponds, Mendota (LaSalle Co) (JEH); 6 May, GrantP (Chi) (DEW); 4 May (ad), Spfld (HDB); 30 Apr, JP (HC).

Western Grebe

LD: 5 May, CarlL-C (DMK).

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT

11-29 Apr (ad), Calumet P, Chi (AAA:ph); 5 May (ad), LCal (*WJM, MLB, JIN) [IORC review pending]; [11 May, MermetL].

Double-crested Cormorant

EA: 8 Mar (120), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 8 Mar (30), Quincy Bay (AGD); 16 Mar (4), ClinL (MEF); 18 Mar (8), JP (PRC, KMC). **MC**: 4000, CarlL-F, 6-15 Apr (DMK); 2350, Rainbow P (Chi), 26 May (DFS); 1220, LRen, 20 May (DFS); 600, CarlL-C, 22 Apr (DMK); 591, JP, 18 Apr (PRC); 505, BakersL, 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV); 460+, IBSP, 21 Apr (EWW).

ANHINGA

EA: 21 Apr, Emiquon (TW, CD:ph). **MC**: 3 (2♂,♀), Michael Wolff Wetlands, Little Black Sl SNA, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT). **Others**: Heron Pond (♂), 20 May (KAM).

American White Pelican

EA: 17 Feb (12), BraidwoodL (JBH); 26 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH); 2 Mar (120), Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD). **MC**: 4000, CarlL-F, 1-6 Apr (DMK); 1700, Ware (Union Co), 17 Mar (KAM); 1028, KLMSNA, 4 Mar (C&PD); 688, Chau, 16 Mar (RG&SNB); 600, HennepinL, 8 Apr (BC); 600, Nygren Wetlands (Winnebago Co), 3 Jun (LGB); 100, ClinL, 7 Mar (BSr). **LD**: 28 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 13 May (2), BraidwoodL (JBH); 12 May (7), CarlL-C (DMK).

American Bittern

EA: 10 Mar, MBC (MEF); 15 Mar, HL (FRH); 29 Mar, Killdeer Wetlands (Cook Co) (AAA). **MC**: 4, Oakwood Btms, 31 Mar (KAM); 4, PrRdg-M, 30 Apr (CLH); 2, GLPSNA, 22 Apr (JAS et al.). **LD**: 7 May, JP (HC); 7 May, Kennekuk CP (Vermilion Co) (EJC, JSh); 5 May, Montrose (DKA); 5 May, Midewin (CMA); 4 May, Urbana (Weaver P) (GSL).

Least Bittern

EA: 17 Apr (2), MermetL (KAM); 28 Apr, McGinnisSl (AAA).
MC: 5, MermetL, 26 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 13 May, Montrose (MF). **Other**: BrobergM (Lake Co), 7 May (SDB); Heron CP (Vermilion Co), 5 May (BS:ph).

Great Blue Heron

EA: 7 Mar, JP (KMC et al.). **MC**: 165, LRen, 7 Apr (DFS); 109, KLMSNA, 20 May (C&PD); 99, Rt 83 rookery (DuPage Co), 25 Mar (JAS); 85, *Alexander*, 25 Apr (KAM); 60, Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co), 7 Apr (WSS); 55, HennepinL, 2 May (BC). **LD**: 22 May, Spfld (HDB).

Great Egret

EA: 15 Mar, *Madison* (KAM); 19 Mar (6), MermetL (FKB); 22 Mar (2), BraidwoodL (JBH); 25 Mar (2), LCal (WJM); 27 Mar, Quincy (Adams Co) (PJR); 29 Mar (2), Heron CP (Vermilion Co) (JR); 4 Apr (2), Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 295, LRen, 20 May (DFS); 231, BakersL, 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV); 200, *Alexander*, 25 Apr (KAM); 200, *Johnson*, 26 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 2 Jun, JP (JIE).

Snowy Egret

EA: 4 Apr, *Madison* (KAM); 8 Apr, HL (FRH). **MC**: 15, *Johnson*, 26 Apr (KAM); 8, HL, 5 May (FRH); 5, *Alexander*, 25 Apr (KAM); 4, Cahokia Mounds Historic Site (St. Clair Co), 27 May (DMK); 3, Forbes SP (Marion Co), 16 May (CLH). **LD**: 27 May, Elgin (Kane Co) (EES); 26 May, Upper SpringL (Carroll Co) (EWW).

Little Blue Heron

EA: 22 Mar (ad), Spfld (HDB); 24 Mar (ad), LCal (MT); 30 Mar, SaugetM (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 30 Mar, Fairview Heigthts (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 31 Mar, HL (FRH). **MC**: 35, *Alexander*, 25 Apr (KAM); 26, *St. Clair*, 11 Apr (KAM); 10, Cahokia Mounds Historic Site (St. Clair Co), 26-27 May (DMK); 3 (ads), LCal, 29-31 May (WJM). **LD**: 19 May, Glacial P (McHenry Co) (RAM).

Cattle Egret

EA: 2 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 7 Apr, LRen (DFS); 13 Apr, HL (FRH); 17 Apr, Macomb (McDonough Co) (LLH); 17 Apr, Oak Lawn (Cook Co) (AAA:ph); 18 Apr (2), *Sangamon* (HDB). **MC**: 60, Cahokia Mounds Historic Site (St. Clair Co), 26 May (DMK); 6, *Pulaski*, 28 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 4 May, *Sangamon* (HDB).

Green Heron

EA: 7 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 14 Apr, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 15 Apr (7), JP, (PRC et al.); 16 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 17 Apr, NoP (JIN); 22 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD). **MC**: 15, Douglas P (Chi), 2 May (EDG); 7, JP, 15 Apr (PRC); 5, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 5, LincP, 13 May (GAW, CLW). **LD**: 28 May (2), JP (PRC).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 17 Mar, JP (RLS); 5 Apr (2), HL (KAM); 12 Apr, Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 70, LincP, 1 May (MM); 10, LCal, 5 May (SBB); 7 (ads), JP, 22 Apr (PRC); 7, ESTL, 18 May (DMK); 2 (ad, imm), PrRdg-M, 15 May (CLH). **LD**: 30 May, Spfld (HDB). **Others**: PrRdg-J (ad), 14 May (CLH).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

EA: 31 Mar, HL (FRH); 17 Apr (2), Ft. Massac (KAM). **MC**: 3, MermetL, 11 May (KAM); 3, Oakwood Btms, 18 May (VMK, CLH, et al.); 2, Beall Wds, 6 May (CLH).

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LD: 1-6 May, Emiquon (TR, ASA).

Glossy Ibis

EA: 28 Apr, EasterSl (Pulaski Co) (CKM, KAM, DMK, SDB, CAT m.ob.). **MC**: 4, DYNL, 17 Apr (NB:ph). **LD**: 12 May (3), ConnerL wetlands (Monroe Co) (C&PD).

White-faced Ibis

HL (3), 21 Apr (FRH).

Black Vulture

MC: 50, *Pope*, 28 Apr (GAW, CLW); 9, *Jackson*, 25 Apr (KAM); 8, Ft. Massac, 26 Apr (KAM). **Other**: *Johnson* (4), 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); Sahara Wds (Saline Co) (3), 28 May (CLH).

Turkey Vulture

EA: 31 Jan, *McLean* (APC); 31 Jan (3), Bloomington (LA); 1 Feb (several), Champaign (JH); 2 Feb, Downers Grove (DuPage Co) (REF); 26 Feb, Avon (Warren Co) (LLH); 26 Feb, Kankakee (JBH); 27 Feb (3), Rckfd (BCW); 17 Mar (3), *McHenry* (RAM). **MC**: 47, *Clark*, 9 Apr (CAT); 40, CarlL-C, 25 Mar (DMK); 35, *Jackson*, 31 Mar (KAM); 35, FishHatchery, 16 Mar (RG&SNB); 35, Hennepin (Putnam Co), 10 Mar (BC); 33, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 25, *Grundy*, 22 May (KAM); 25, Urbana, 6 Mar (FC). **LD**: 28 May (2), JP (CAT).

American White Pelicans. Channahon, Will County. 1 April 2012. Photo by Don Blecha.

Osprey
EA: 17 Mar, CarlL-C (DMK); 22 Mar, Palos (WJM, NT); 23 Mar (2), Joppa (Massac Co) (FKB); 24 Mar, River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (BSr); 26 Mar, Sangchris (HDB); 30 Mar (2 ads), LCal (WJM). **MC**: 6, Palos, 7 Apr (WSS). **LD**: 28 May, *Saline* (RES); 26 May, ShabbonaL (DJS); 21 May, BraidwoodL (JBH).

Mississippi Kite
EA: 15 Apr, HL (FRH); 1 May (ad), *McLean* (RGH); 3 May, *White* (RES); 4 May (3), Rckfd (LGB). **MC**: 10, TOT, 19 May (ASA); 5, Thebes (Alexander Co), 27 Apr (SDB, CAT). **LD**: 31 May, HL (FRH). **Others**: Olney (Richland Co) (ad), 29 Apr (CLH); Michael Wolff Wetlands, Little Black Sl SNA (2), 28 Apr (SDB, CAT).

Bald Eagle
EA: 18 Feb (3), Urbana (fide EJC); 6 Mar (3), Severson Dells FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 17 Mar (imm), Moraine Hills SP (McHenry Co) (RAM, ALM). **MC**: 143, FrentressL (Jo Daviess Co), 8 Mar (DWy); 34 (4 ad, 30 imm), Chau, 16 Mar (RG&SNB); 16, Upper Mississippi R NWR (Calhoun Co), 10 Mar (DWy); 10, CarlL-F, 17 & 25 Mar (DMK). **LD**: 27 May, HL (FRH); 23 May (imm), RollinsSav (KAM); 19 May (ad), Glacial P (McHenry Co) (RAM).

Northern Harrier
EA: 3 Mar, *e. Kankakee* (JBH); 3 Mar (2), Montrose (RDH). **MC**: 10, GLPSNA, 3 Mar (CAT); 9, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 2 May (EWW); 5, PrRdg-J, 23 Apr (JWW, ELK, DJO, WEL); 5, PrRdg-M, 24 Apr (JWW, ELK, DJO, WEL). **LD**: 12 May, Palos (NLB, JDW, JB, NG); 8 May, *Iroquois* (JBH); 5 May, *McDonough* (LLH).

Sharp-shinned Hawk
EA: 8 Mar, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW); 14 Mar, *Randolph* (KAM); 14 Mar, JP (PRC); 17 Mar, CarlL-F (DMK). **MC**: 28, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 2 May (EWW); 13, Evanston (Cook Co), 2 May (MC); 5, LCal, 2 May (WJM); 4, JP, 2 May (PRC). **LD**: 13 May, Rckfd (DTW, BCW); 5 May, *e. Kankakee* (JBH); 2 May, see above; 2 May, Montrose (DKA); 1 May, *McLean* (RGH); 27 Apr, FishHatchery (RG&SNB).

Cooper's Hawk
EA: 8 Mar, GLNTC (EWW). **MC**: 7, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 2 May (EWW); 6, Evanston (Cook Co), 2 May (MC); 3, LeVasseurP, 8 Apr (JBH); 3, NoP, 1 Apr (NPBW); 3, JP, 5 May (JS et al.).

Northern Goshawk
LD: 3 Apr (imm), Bloomington (APC).

Red-shouldered Hawk
EA: 15 Mar, Quincy Bay (AGD). **MC**: 4, Oakwood Btms, 25 Mar (KAM); 4, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 4, MermetL, 6 Apr (KAM); 3, Shirland, 16 Mar (DTW).

Broad-winged Hawk
EA: 1 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 6 Apr, *Jackson* (KAM); 11 Apr (2 ads), Spfld (HDB); 13 Apr (2), Marengo (McHenry Co) (KML). **MC**: 86, *Knox*, 24 Apr (MJB); 41, *McLean*, 1 May (RGH); 39, Bloomington, 26 Apr (RGH); 32, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 2 May (EWW); 24, *Edwards*, 14 Apr (RES); 13, Avon (Warren Co), 1 May (LLH); 12, Rckfd, 21 Apr (BCW). **LD**: 20 May (imm), Spfld (HDB).

Swainson's Hawk
EA: 14 Apr, *McHenry* (RAM, ALM). **MC**: 2, *Kane*, 29 Apr (RAM, ALM).

Red-tailed Hawk
MC: 36, *Woodford & McLean*, 4 Mar (MEF); 11, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 2 May (EWW); 10, CarlL-C, 10-11 & 17 Mar (DMK).

Broad-winged Hawk. Reed Township, Will County. 21 April 2012. Photo by Don Blecha.

Banded Whooping Cranes. Sauer Family Praire Kane Forest Preserve, Kane County. 23 April 2012. Photo by Andrew Aldrich.

Rough-legged Hawk
LD: 9 May, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 10 Mar, *e. Kankakee* (JBH); 9 Mar (dark morph), Durand (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 7 Mar, MBC (MEF); 4 Mar (dark morph), IBSP (EWW).

Golden Eagle
LD: 6 Apr, Quincy (Adams Co) (AMR); 17 Mar (imm), UCCA (KAM).

BLACK RAIL
LD: [22 May, PrRdg-J]

King Rail
EA: 29 Apr, Farina Wetlands (Fayette Co) (CAT). **MC**: 2, Farina Wetlands (Fayette Co), 10 May (CLH). **Others**: PrRdg-J, 10 May (RES); MidSav, 11 May (MF); PrRdg-M, 15 May (CLH).

Virginia Rail
EA: 15 Mar, Mskoda (JBH); 16 Mar, MermetL (FKB); 23 Mar, PrRdg-J (RES); 18 Apr, Sangchris (HDB); 22 Apr, JP (PRC et al.). **MC**: 3, PrRdg-M, 30 Apr (CLH); 3, Deer Grove East FP (Cook Co), 22 Apr (GAW, CLW). **LD**: 17 May, PrRdg-J (RES); 27-28 Apr, Cypress Crk NWR (Johnson Co) (SDB, CAT).

Sora
EA: 19 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 21 Mar, Rochelle (Ogle Co) (DTW); 24 Mar, *Sangamon* (HDB); 24 Mar, Winnebago (Winnebago Co) (DTW, BCW); 25 Mar, Oakwood Btms (KAM); 28 Mar, Half Day FP (Lake Co) (SDB, SLD). **MC**: 10, HennepinL, 26 Apr (DFS); 7, AmnBot, 5 May (C&PD); 4, MermetL, 26 Apr (KAM); 4, Mskoda, 5 May (JBH). **LD**: into Jun, PrRdg-M (CLH); 22 May, PrRdg-J (CLH); 14 May, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 13 May (2), LincP (GAW, CLW); 5 May, *Montgomery* (RJ); 5 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 5 May (2), Running Lake, Wolf Lake (Union Co) (SDB); 26-28 Apr (2), Cypress Crk NWR & GrassySl (Johnson Co) (SDB, CAT).

Common Gallinule
EA: 26 Apr, MermetL (KAM); 28 Apr, Cypress Crk NWR (Johnson Co) (SDB, CAT); 30 Apr, WhalonL (VS). **MC**: 2, *Massac*, 5 May (MM-L); 2, PaulDouglas, 5 May (SSt). **Others**: Wyoming (Stark Co), 5 May (JWW); *s. Ford*, 10 May (TH); PrRdg-M, 15 May (CLH, RES); HennepinL, 22 May (KAM).

American Coot
EA: 25 Feb, BraidwoodL (JBH); 4 Mar, Emiquon, new arrivals (LLH); 11 Mar (19), JP, influx of migrants (PRC). **MC**: 4093, Chau, 16 Mar (RG&SNB); 2000, CarlL-F, 1 Apr (DMK); 1500, Emiquon, 25 May (KAM); 1200, MermetL, 26 Apr (KAM); 1000, HL, 6 Mar (KAM). **LD**: 9 May (3), JP (PRC); 5 May (3), *Union* (SDB); 28 Apr (2), *Johnson* (SDB, CAT).

Sandhill Crane
EA: 17 Feb (17), LCal (WJM); 17 Feb (9), Busse Wds FP (Cook Co) (ABA); 17 Feb (42), Naperville (DuPage Co) (MAM); 23 Feb (200), Danville (Vermilion Co) (BS). **MC**: 6200, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 10 Mar (RB); 4336, Columbus P (Chi), 10 Mar (AG); 845, LCal, 11 Mar (WJM). **LD**: 9 May, *LaSalle* (BC); 8 May, Nachusa (JWW, CC); 27 Apr, PrRdg-J (SAS); 23 Apr, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 21 Apr, JP (RLS); 19 Apr, Emiquon (KBR); 18 Apr, *Sangamon* (HDB). **Others**: Nygren Wetlands (Winnebago Co) (4), 29 May (DTW); L&D 13, 19 May (EWW); HennepinL (3), 23 May (DTW, BCW); *Fulton*, 19 May (EWW); Middle Fork River FP (Champaign Co) (2), 22 May (BSs).

WHOOPING CRANE
EA: 10 Mar (2), Midewin (CMA); 15 Mar (2), Edwards (RES); 17 Mar (male #19-11), CarlL-F (DMK); 28-29 Mar, Shirland (Winnebago Co)

(AS, MHK). **MC**: 6, MattoonL (Coles Co), 10 Mar (CAT). **LD**: 23 Apr (2), Sauer Family Prairie Kane FP (Kane Co) (ASA:ph). **Others**: Bailey Wetland (Richland/Wayne Cos) (2), spent two months here during winter, last seen 2 Mar (CLH). All sightings above presumably pertain to the reintroduced population.

Black-bellied Plover

EA: 6 May (2), CarlL-F (DMK, KAM); 9 May (3), *White* (CLH, RES); 10 May, Montrose (JP); 11 May (2), WhisperingWillows (JBH); 13 May, LincP (GAW, CLW). **MC**: 31, Pratt's Wayne Wds FP (DuPage Co), 30 Apr (SAC); 17, CarlL-C, 14 May (KAM); 16, Wauk, 12 May (BJS); 8, WhisperingWillows, 15 May (JBH); 6, CarlL-F, 21 May (DMK). **LD**: 6 Jun, GreenR (DH); 3 Jun, Emiquon (JIE); 29 May (2), Bailey Wetland (Wayne Co) (CLH); 25 May, CarlL-F (DMK); 25 May (4), Emiquon (KAM).

Black-bellied Plover. Montrose, Chicago, Cook County. 8 May 2012. Photo by Dick Yamasaki.

American Golden-Plover

EA: 12 Mar (35+), PrRdg-M (CLH); 14 Mar (12), Oakwood Btms (KAM); 14 Mar, *Sangamon* (HDB); 16 Mar (23), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 24 Mar (80), CarlL-B (DMK); 10 Apr (4), MomenceSod (JBH). **MC**: 5000-10,000, Farina Wetland (Fayette Co), 2 Apr (CLH); 5300, CarlL-F, 18 Apr (KAM); 5000, Wheeler (Jasper Co), 7 Apr (JWW et al.); 3500, Sidney Twp (Champaign Co), 21 Apr (GSL); 1815, Newman (Douglas Co), 21 Apr (GSL); 1700, CarlL-C, 2 Apr (KAM); 980, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 23 Mar (TJD); 921, ClinL, 18 Apr (MEF). **LD**: 16 Jun, Nygren Wetlands (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 25 May (3), Emiquon (KAM); 19 May, Upper SpringL (Carroll Co) (EWW); 17 May (175), *Marion* (CLH); 14 May (2), WhisperingWillows (JBH).

Semipalmated Plover

EA: 9 Apr (3), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 18 Apr, CarlL-F (DMK); 19 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 22 Apr, Siblley Grasslands (Ford Co) (EWW); 30 Apr (2), *Sangamon* (HDB); 11 May (10), WhisperingWillows (JBH). **MC**: 200, AndersonL (Fulton Co), 20 May (MJW, TW, CD); 150, CarlsonL (Fulton Co), 19 May (KBR); 120, CarlL-F, 12-13 May (DMK); 60, Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co), 16 May (TW, CD); 50, Emiquon, 25 May (KAM). **LD**: 21 Jun, Montrose (RDH); 10 Jun, PeacockM (JAS); 3 Jun (4), Emiquon (JIE); 3 Jun (2), Spfld (HDB); 2 Jun, LCal (JIE, NM); 1 Jun PeacockM (ASA); 30 May, CarlL-F (DMK).

Piping Plover. Montrose, Chicago, Cook County. 15 April 2012. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Piping Plover

EA: 14 Apr (without leg bands), Montrose (DO:ph, LR:ph, m.ob.); 15 Apr (with leg bands), Montrose (SGS:ph); 28 Apr, BigL (Fulton Co) (KBR). **LD**: 6 May, BigL (Fulton Co) (KBR).

Killdeer

EA: 17 Feb, River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (EJC); 19 Feb (8), ClinL (GSL); 27 Feb, LeVasseurP (JBH); 28 Feb (4), Avon (Warren Co) (LLH); 29 Feb (14), JP (PRC); 1 Mar, HL (FRH). **MC**: 200, CarlL-C, 30 Mar (DMK); 60, CarlL-F, 18 May (DMK); 30, Chau, 16 Mar (RG&SNB); 30, LCal, 5 May (WJM, MLB, SBB).

Black-necked Stilt

EA: 29 Mar (2), Emiquon (KBR); 31 Mar, CarlL-F (DMK); 2 Apr, Abington Twp (Mercer Co) (BAB); 12 Apr, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 18 Apr (4), *Sangamon* (HDB); 20 Apr, Quincy Bay (AGD, AMR, PJR). **MC**: 65, Emiquon, 22 Apr (KBR); 20, CarlL-F, 6 Apr (DMK); 14, KLMSNA, 3 May (C&PD); 11, CarlL-B, 14 Apr (KAM); 10, Chau, 11 May (RG&SNB). **LD**: 28 May (2), PeacockM (BT, JAS, m.ob.); 19 May (♀), *Sangamon* (HDB). **Others**: Crystal Lake (McHenry Co) (♀), 6-7 May (KML:ph, SDB); IBSP(3), 5 May (JSS, BJS); HennepinL (2), 2 May (BC); Bloomington, 10 May, (MJW); Urbana (U of I South Farms (2), 5-6 May (DWe, TD, EJC, JG); Humboldt (Coles Co) (3), 3 May (EWW); Farina Wetland (Fayette Co) (3), 6 May (SDB); Bailey Wetland (Wayne Co), 12 May (CLH); Big MuddyR (Union Co) (2), 5 May (SDB).

American Avocet

EA: 14 Apr, CarlL-B (KAM, MSS); 14 Apr (4), see below; 21 Apr, HL (FRH). **MC**: 6, White OakL (McLean Co), 29 Apr (TH, MJW); 4, Spfld, 14 Apr (HDB); 3, ClinL, 30 Apr (MJW); 2, *Champaign*, 30 Apr (DWe). **LD**: 3 Jun, Emiquon (JIE, AAA et al.). **Others**: Chau, 5 May (RG&SNB).

Spotted Sandpiper

EA: 5 Mar, CarlL-C (MSS) – record early by 18 days; 1 Apr, *Sangamon* (HDB); 13 Apr, Four Lakes FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 15 Apr, JP (PRC, EJG); 15 Apr, Rainbow P (Chi) (GAW, CLW, NG). **MC**: 46, Chau, 11 May (RG&SNB); 40, CarlL-C, 5 May (DMK); 22, LCal, 5 May (WJM, SBB); 13, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co), 16 May (JBH); 10, JP, 28 May (PRC).

Solitary Sandpiper

EA: 20 Mar, e. of Spfld (HDB); 25 Mar, *Massac* (KAM); 31 Mar, CarlL-C (DMK); 3 Apr, GreeneVal (UWG); 10 Apr, Pecatonica (DTW). **MC**: 78, LCal, 5 May (WJM, MLB, SBB); 20, *Champaign*, 1 May (DWe); 19, *nw. Cook*, 1 May (JV); 15, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 10, CarlL-C, 22 Apr (DMK). **LD**: 4 Jun (2), Montrose (DKA); 19 May, near Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 18 May, Spfld (HDB); 17 May, LeVasseurP (JBH); 12 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 12 May, Heron Pond (KAM); 12 May (3), MermetL (KAM).

Greater Yellowlegs

EA: 7 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 9-11 Mar, Heron CP (Vermilion Co) (KBx, BS); 10 Mar, CarlL-F (DMK); 10 Mar, MermetL (KAM); 15 Mar, Sangchris (HDB); 15 Mar (2), GreeneVal (JAS); 18 Mar, HL (FRH). **MC**: 1200, CarlL-F, 6 & 9 Apr (DMK); 300, BigL (Fulton Co), 22 Apr (KBR); 100, CarlL-B, 14 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 30 May (2), Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 26 May, Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co) (CD); 24 May, *Kendall* (ASA); 11 May (9), ClinL (MEF); 10 May, *Sangamon* (HDB).

Willet

EA: 15 Apr (2), Spfld (HDB); 18 Apr, ClinL (MEF:ph); 19 Apr, *Fayette* (CLH); 20 Apr, Emiquon (KAM); 21 Apr, LaSalleL (BC). **MC**: 50+, EPSTP, 30 Apr (MJW, TH, MEF.ph); 44, Wauk, 30 Apr (ASI, AFS); 40+,

American Avocet. Kidd Lake Marsh, Monroe County. 23 April 2012. Photo by Jackie Bowman.

Hudsonian Godwits with one Black-necked Stilt. Emiquon Preserve, Fulton County. 18 April 2012. Photo by Matthew Winks.

Below: Marbled Godwits. Montrose, Chicago, Cook County. 14 April 2012. Photo by Nathan Goldberg.

Marbled Godwit. Orangeville, Stephenson County. 21 May 2012. Photo by Anne Straight.

Sanderlings. Montrose, Chicago, Cook County. 29 May, 2012. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

White-rumped Sandpiper. Montrose, Chicago, Cook County. 4 June 2012. Photo by Steve Spitzer

Heron CP (Vermilion Co), 7 May (JR); 21, CarlL-C, 29 Apr (DMK); 11, ClinL, 30 Apr (MJW). **LD**: 4 Jun, *Kane* (ASA); 2 Jun, LaSalleL (BC:ph); 13 May, Montrose (GAW, CLW); 5 May, CarlL-F (KAM).

Lesser Yellowlegs

EA: 9 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 10 Mar (2), *Edwards* (RES); 10 Mar (2), *Massac* (KAM); 10 Mar (4), *Pulaski* (KAM); 14 Mar, *Sangamon* (HDB); 16 Mar, Quincy Bay (AGD); 21 Mar (2), Rochelle (Ogle Co) (DTW). **MC**: 6000, CarlL-F, 6 & 8 Apr (DMK); 3000, CarlL-B, 14 Apr (KAM); 1500, BigL (Fulton Co), 22 Apr (KBR); 363, ClearL, 27 Apr (RG&SNB); 129, LCal, 5 May (WJM, SBB); 108, ClinL, 4 May (MEF). **LD**: 3 Jun, Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (TB); 1 Jun (2), Fayetteville Twp (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 30 May, CarlL-F (DMK); 30 May (2), *Sangamon* (HDB); 25 May (2), Emiquon (KAM); 3 May, HL (FRH).

Upland Sandpiper

EA: 2 Apr, PrRdg (KAM); 21 Apr, *Stark/Peoria* (DJM); 5 May (2), New Philadelphia (McDonough Co) (LLH); 5 May, Manhattan (Will Co) (CMA). **MC**: 6, Lexington (McLean Co), 18 May (DTW, BCW); 4, Monticello Rd FS (Champaign Co), 6 May (SDB); 4, PrRdg-J, 17 Apr (CLH). **Others**: *McLean*, 11 May (LA, BM:ph); *Grundy*, 16 May (DB:ph); *Marion*, 17 May (CLH); PrRdg-M, 17 May (CLH).

Whimbrel

EA: 16 Apr (3), MermetL (FKB); 17 Apr, Emiquon (KBR). **MC**: 15, Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co), 26 May (TW). **LD**: 3 Jun (3), Spfld (HDB). 1st Jun record & MC ever for Sangamon County. **Others**: Emiquon(2), 25 May (KBR, KAM).

Hudsonian Godwit

EA: 15 Apr, CarlL-F (DMK); 15 Apr, Emiquon (KBR); 18 Apr, Kaskaskia R SFWA (Moultrie Co) (TDF). **MC**: 14 & 10, Emiquon, 21 & 18 Apr (TW, CD & KBR, MJW:ph resp); 4, KLMSNA, 20 Apr (C&PD). **LD**: 4-6 Jun, Emiquon (KBR); 26 May, *Stephenson* (DBJ, RE); 13-23 May, CarlsonL (Fulton Co) (KBR); 22 May, AndersonL (Fulton Co) (KAM); 6 May, *Grundy* (JAS, REF, KDF). **Others**: LShel, 17-21 Apr (TDF, RBy, TAM).

Marbled Godwit

EA: 14 Apr, see below; 18 Apr, Emiquon (KBR); 19 Apr, EPSTP (TH). **MC**: 24, Montrose, 14 Apr (NG:ph). Second highest count ever for Illinois behind the 25 birds seen in Clinton Co on 22 Apr, 1989; 6, CarlL-B, 14 Apr (KAM); 4, Wauk, 30 Apr (ASl, JRRS:ph). **LD**: 28 May, GrassL (Lake Co) (BJS).

Ruddy Turnstone

EA: 6 May, see below; 13 May, Montrose (GAW, CLW); 18 May, StarvedRock (EWW); 20 May, CarlL-F (KAM). **MC**: 22, CarlL-F, 30 May (DMK); 8, Wauk, 6 May (BJS); 3, Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co), 20 May (CD). **LD**: 4 Jun (2), Emiquon (KBR, CD); 3 Jun, HennepinL (JIE, AAA); 1 Jun, GLNTC (DRD); 1 Jun (2), Chau (RG&SNG).

Sanderling

EA: 4 May (4), CarlL-F (KAM). **MC**: 9, Montrose, 22 May (MD). **LD**: 6 Jun (5), Montrose (MD, SGS); 4 Jun, Emiquon (KBR); 2 Jun (9), WinthropH (NT); 21 May, CarlL-F (DMK).

Upland Sandpiper. Grundy County. 16 May 2012. Photo by Don Blecha.

Semipalmated Sandpiper

EA: 28 Apr (4), Ware (Union Co) (KAM, DMK); 6 May, se. Illinois (CLH); 11 May (8), RendL-J (TJD); 14 May (4), Nygren Wetland (Winnebago Co) (DTW, BCW); 15 May, WhisperingWillows (JBH). **MC**: 700, AndersonL (Fulton Co), 22 May (KAM); 250, Emiquon, 25 May (KAM); 120, CarlL-F, 21 May (DMK); 70, *Sangamon*, 29 May (HDB). **LD**: 14 Jun, GLNTC (DRD); 13 Jun (13), Chau (RG&SNG); 13 Jun, *Kane* (DL); 12 Jun (2), Montrose (SGS:ph); 3 Jun (4), Spfld (HDB); 3 Jun (3), Fayetteville Twp (St. Clair Co) (TJD).

Western Sandpiper

EA: 1 May, ClinL (MJW:ph). **MC**: 4, *Monroe*, 5 May (C&PD); 3, Spfld, 15 May (HDB). **LD**: 16 May, Spfld (HDB).

Least Sandpiper

EA: 25 Mar (7), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 25 Mar (6), ECapeGir (KAM); 14 Apr, Sangchris (HDB); 15 Apr (8), Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH). **MC**: 200, AndersonL (Fulton Co), 22 May (KAM); 115, LCal, 5 May (WJM, MLB, SBB); 100, CarlL-F, 20 May (KAM); 71, *Sangamon*, 4 May (HDB); 40, Crystal Lake (McHenry), 12 May (DJS). **LD**: 14 Jun, GLNTC (DRD); 7 Jun, *LaSalle* (BC); 2 Jun (3), WinthropH (NT); 2 Jun, WhisperingWillows (JBH); 2 Jun, Rochester sewage pond (Sangamon Co) (HDB); 1 Jun, PeacockM (ASA); 1 Jun, Chau ((RG&SNG)); 30 May (8), Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD).

White-rumped Sandpiper

EA: 28 Apr, *Sangamon* (HDB); 29 Apr (2), CarlL-F (DMK). **MC**: 45, Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co), 16 May (TW, CD); 27, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 1 Jun (TJD); 20, AndersonL (Fulton Co), 22 May (KAM); 20, CarlL-F, 25 May (DMK); 20, Emiquon, 25 May (KAM); 10-20, PrRdg-M, into Jun (CLH); 12, PeacockM, 28 May (JAS). **LD**: 25 Jun, Emiquon (AG); 23 Jun (3), Spunky Bottoms Pr (Brown Co) (JIE); 17 Jun, Spfld (HDB); 13 Jun (14), DYNL (ASA); 11 Jun (2), PeacockM (ASA); 8 Jun, Montrose (MC, SGS:ph).

Baird's Sandpiper

EA: 25 Mar, *Sangamon* (HDB); 29 Mar, Emiquon (KBR). **MC**: 2, PrRdg-M, 16 May (CLH). **LD**: 25 May (3), Nygren Wetlands (Winnebago Co) (DTW).

Pectoral Sandpiper

EA: 6 Mar (12), PrRdg-J (CLH); 8 Mar, CarlL-B (DMK); 11 Mar, Sangchris (HDB); 11 Mar, *e. Stephenson* (DTW); 19 Mar (3), WhisperingWillows (JBH); 27 Mar (21), LCal (WJM). **MC**: 30,000, CarlL-F, 6 Apr (DMK); 3000, Jasper, 7 Apr (JWW et al.); 1500, BigL (Fulton Co), 22 Apr (KBR); 853, ClinL, 16 Apr (MEF). **LD**: 5 Jun (2), CarsonSl (Kane Co) (SFd); 3 Jun (4), Emiquon (JIE, AAA); 2 Jun, Nygren Wetlands (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 25 May (4), CarlL-F (DMK); 25 May (9), *Sangamon* (HDB).

Purple Sandpiper

LD: 31 Mar, Wauk (PWS, AFS, RE, RDH).

Dunlin

EA: 20 Mar, *Marion* (CLH); 26 Mar (2), *Sangamon* (HDB); 31 Mar (11), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 11 Apr (5), Quincy Bay (AGD); 14 Apr, Montrose (AFS). **MC**: 1200, CarlL-F, 29 Apr (DMK); 300, AndersonL (Fulton Co), 22 May (KAM); 300, Emiquon, 20 May (MJW, TW, CD); 200, BigL (Fulton Co), 22 Apr (KBR); 126, Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co), 19 May (KBR). **LD**: 5 Jun, PeacockM (ASA); 3 Jun (8), Emiquon (JIE, AAA et al.); into Jun, *Marion* (CLH); 1 Jun, Montrose (SBB); 29 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 25 May (40), CarlL-F (DMK). **Others**: Sibley Grasslands (Ford Co) (10), 3 May (EWW).

Dunlin. Montrose, Chicago, Cook County. 29 May 2012. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Buff-breasted Sandpiper. Montrose, Chicago, Cook County. 24 May 2012. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Stilt Sandpiper

EA: 16 Apr (3), CarlL-F (KAM), 22 Apr (6), CarlL-F (DMK); 30 Apr, PrRdg-M (CLH); 5 May, LCal (WJM, MLB, SBB, JIN). **MC**: 20, CarlL-F, 4 May (KAM); 15, Emiquon, 25 May (KAM); 8, Chau, 27 Apr (RG&SNB). **LD**: 3 Jun, Emiquon (JIE, AAA).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper

LD: 24 May, Montrose (RDH, JIE, SGS:ph, m.ob.). 9th spring record.

RUFF

EA: [18 Apr, CarlL-F]

Short-billed Dowitcher

EA: 13 Apr, Emiquon (KBR); 29 Apr, CarlL-F (DMK); 30 Apr, PrRdg-M (CLH); 5 May (2), *McDonough* (LLH); 9 May (4), Ridott (Stephenson) (DTW). **MC**: 90, CarlL-F, 4 May (KAM); 66, Crystal Lake (McHenry Co), 12 May (DJS); 22, Wauk, 9 May (JSS, BJS). **LD**: 26 May, PrRdg-M (CLH); 25 May (3), CarlL-F (DMK); 25 May (2), Emiquon (KAM); 24 May, Montrose (KAM).

Long-billed Dowitcher

EA: 19 Mar (5), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 5 Apr (6), CarlL-F (DMK). **MC**: 400, CarlL-F, 29 Apr (DMK); 70, ClinL, 1 May (MJW); 45, Emiquon, 21 Apr (TW, CD); 37, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 29 Apr (TJD); 30, Bellrose Rsv, 28 Apr (KAM); 29, *Sangamon*, 29 Apr (HDB); 24, PeacockM, 30 Apr (JAS); 22, GreeneVal, 30 Apr (MAM, JAS). **LD**: 9 May, Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 7 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 5 May (6), CarlL-F (KAM); 4 May, n. of Aledo (Mercer Co) (BAB); 3 May (8), PrRdg-M (CLH).

Wilson's Snipe

EA: 28 Feb, se. Illinois (CLH); 2 Mar (2), Sangchris (HDB); 4 Mar (5), Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 8 Mar (4), Pembroke Twp (JBH); 13 Mar, NoP (JIN). **MC**: 79, KLMSNA, 11 Mar (C&PD); 67, *s. Cook*, 10 Apr (WJM, JD); 45, Killdeer Wetlands (Cook Co), 3 Apr (WSS); 44, UCCA, 14 Mar (KAM); 30, Winnebago (Winnebago Co), 13 Apr (DTW). **LD**: 6 May, MBC (MEF); 5 May (3), Deer Grove East FP (Cook Co) (GAW, CLW, JV); 28 Apr (5), GrassySl Preserve (Johnson Co) (SDB, CAT); 28 Apr, EasterSl (Pulaski Co) (SDB, CAT); 24 Apr (2), Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD).

Long-billed Dowticher. El Paso Sewage Lagoons, Woodford County. 30 April 2012. Photo by Matt Fraker.

American Woodcock

EA: 20 Jan, se. Illinois (CLH); 1 Feb (3), *Edwards* (RES); 20 Feb, MeadbrkPk (PLr); 7 Mar, JP (PRC). **MC**: 45 (displaying birds @ 7 locations), *se. Lake*, 21-24 Mar (SDB, SLD); 35, GreeneVal, 13 Mar (JAS); 12, Peabody, 11 Apr (TJD); 8, Urbana, 14 Mar (RDs); 7, StarvedRock, 7 Mar (SDB); 7, MBC, 8 Mar (MEF); 7, ShabbonaL, 9 Mar (EWW). **LD**: 29 May, LincP (JIE, MD); 2 May, JP (PRC).

Wilson's Phalarope

EA: 19 Mar, Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 10 Apr, Farina Wetland (Fayette Co) (CLH); 27 Apr (♂), *Sangamon* (HDB); 30 Apr - 1 May, PeacockM (JIN, CAT, CMA); 5 May, *Clinton* (KAM). **MC**: 2, PeacockM, 30 Apr (JAS); 2, Sibley Grasslands (Ford Co), 13 May (EWW). **LD**: 3 Jun (♂), Montrose (JP:ph); 3 Jun, Emiquon (JIE, AAA et al.); 1 Jun, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 1 Jun, PeacockM (ASA).

Red-necked Phalarope

EA: 18 May, CarlL-F (DMK). **LD**: 4 Jun (2), Emiquon (KBR).

Bonaparte's Gull

EA: 2 Mar (10), ClinL (MEF); 18 Mar, IIL (FRH); 18 Mar (8), McGinnisSl (CDH); 21 Mar, WhisperingWillows (JBH). **MC**: 4000, CarlL-C, 8 Mar (DMK); 4000, CarlL-F, 6 Apr (DMK); 288, ClinL, 16 Mar (MEF); 68, FishHatchery, 16 Mar (RG&SNB). **LD**: 23 May, GLNTC (DRD); 13 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 13 May, BraidwoodL (JBH); 12 May, HL (FRH); 11 May (1st cycle), Montrose (MC); 9 May (1st cycle), Wauk (JSS, BJS).

LITTLE GULL

EA: 28 Mar (imm), Spfld (HDB); 14 Apr (ad), ClinL (GSL:ph, MEF:ph, IOS:ph,video).

Laughing Gull

EA: 25 Mar (ad), CarlL-F (DMK); 16 Apr (ad), Jacksonville (Morgan Co) (CD). **MC**: 2 (2nd cycle, ad), CarlL-C, 29 May (DMK). **Others**: 20 Apr (ad), ClinL (MEF:ph); 1 & 17 May (ad), *Sangamon* (HDB); 5 May, JP (RLS); 6 May, *Coles* (CAT); 9 May (imm), *Sangamon* (HDB); 13 May (ad), CarlL-C (DMK); 26 May (1st cycle), GrassL (Lake Co) (BJS, JSS). **Hybrid**: Laughing Gull X Ring-billed Gull: Calumet P, Chi (ad), 4 Mar - 14 Apr seen mounted by a Ring-billed Gull (AAA:ph).

Franklin's Gull

EA: 5 Apr (ad), CarlL-C (DMK); 12 Apr (ad), Spfld (HDB); 15 Apr (2), Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 16 Apr, CarlL-B (KAM). **MC**: 5, *Sangamon*, 15 May (HDB); 4, AndersonL (Fulton Co), 20 May (MJW, TW, CD). **LD**: 26 & 18 May (ad), LaSalleL (BC & AAA resp); 29 Apr (ad), CarlL-C (DMK); 24 Apr (2), RendL-J (TJD). **Others:** MermetL (subad), 4 May (EWW).

Ring-billed Gull

MC: 10,000, CarlL-C, 17-18 Mar (DMK); 3500, Navy Pier (Chi), 14 May (DFS); 2175, ClinL, 9 Mar (MEF); 1768, HL, 4 Mar (FRH); 1050, *w. Washington*, 10 Mar (TJD); 639, JP, 28 May (PRC).

Herring Gull

MC: 84, RockCut, 2 Mar (DTW); 73, Skokie Lagoons (Cook Co), 4 Mar (CAT); 30, CarlL-C, 11 Mar (DMK); 25, JP, 19 Feb (PRC). **LD**: 15 May (2 imm), Spfld (HDB); 22 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK).

Thayer's Gull

MC: 2 (ad), LincP, 3 Mar (RDH). **LD**: 4 Mar, LRen (DFS); 4 Mar, LincP (JIN); 4 Mar, Palos (JAS).

Iceland Gull

LD: 29 Apr (ad), WinthropH (RDH); 29 Apr (1st), *Lake* (RDH); 14 Apr (1st), Montrose (GAW, CLW).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

LD: 2 May, GLNTC (DRD); 29 Apr, EPSTP (TH, MEF); 29 Apr (ad), WinthropH (RDH); 21 Apr (2nd), IBSP (EWW).

Glaucous Gull

LD: 5 May (imm), IBSP (AFS et al.); 30 Apr (1st), Wauk (BJS).

Great Black-backed Gull

LD: 1 May (1st) & 29 Apr (2nd), Wauk (EWW & RDH resp); 31 Mar (ad), WinthropH (RDH).

Least Tern

EA: 18 May, se. Illinois (CLH); 20 May (2), *Alexander* (KAM). **MC**: 4, Smithland Dam (Pope Co), 19 May (CLH, VMK, et al.). **LD**: 3 Jun (ad), Spfld (HDB); 25 May (ad), Spunky Bottoms (Brown Co) (KBR).

Caspian Tern

EA: 20 Mar (2), JP (PRC), record early for this location; 24 Mar, CarlL-C (DMK); 27 Mar, NoP (JIN); 5 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 5 Apr (2), *Sangamon* (HDB). **MC**: 72, JP, 5 May (RLS et al.); 60, Montrose, 2 May (DKA); 37, *e. Grundy*, 9 & 13 May (JBH); 27, IBSP, 20 Apr (EWW); 20, PeacockM, 30 Apr (MAM). **LD**: 16 Jun, IBSP (EWW); 12 May (3), CarlL-F (DMK).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo inside garage. Geneva, Kane County. 25 May 2012. Photo by Jackie Bowman.

Black Tern

EA: 12 May (4), CarlL-F (DMK); 12 May (2), Palos (NLB, JDW, JB, NG); 13 May, Spfld (HDB); 19 May (2), Glacial P (McHenry Co) (RAM). **MC**: 30, near L&D 13, 2 Apr (AS); 4, see above; 3, Emiquon, 22 May (KAM). **LD**: 2 Jun, LaSalleL (BC); 31 May (3), East LoonL (Lake Co) (BJS) (nesting birds?); 29 May, CIPS L (CLH); 28 May, Spfld (HDB); 24 May (ad), LCal (WJM). **Remarks**: "Only one seen this spring" (CLH).

Common Tern

EA: 13 May (2 ad), Spfld (HDB); 18 May (3), RendL-J (CLH). **MC**: 19, GLNTC, 2 May (DRD); 15, HennepinL, 22 May (KAM); 12, Wauk, 9 May (BJS, JSS). **LD**: 3 Jun, EForkL (CLH); 2 Jun, WinthropH (NT).

Forster's Tern

EA: 24 Mar, *Madison* (WMR); 25 Mar (6), CarlL-F (DMK); 30 Mar (3), Joppa (Massac Co) (FKB); 30 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 2 Apr, Sangchris (HDB); 2 Apr, L&D 13 (AS); 14 Apr (2), Independence Grove FP (Lake Co) (JSS). **MC**: 200, CarlL-C, 15 Apr (DMK); 21, ClinL, 4 May (MEF); 20, CarlL-F, 12 May (DMK); 15, *Sangamon*, 2 May (HDB); 15, Emiquon, 25 May (KAM). **LD**: 7 Jun, Kankakee (JBH); 1-7 Jun (2), Spfld (HDB); 3 Jun (4), CarlL-C (DMK); 27 May, HL (FRH); 24 May (1st spring), LCal (WJM).

Rock Pigeon

MC: 200, ESTL, 26 May (DMK); 135, Chi, 5 Mar (DFS).

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC: 6, CarlL-C, 8 Mar (DMK); 6, *Monroe*, 14 Mar (KAM), 5, Farina (Fayette Co), 29 Apr (SDB); 5, *Randolph*, 25 Mar (KAM). **Others**: Wolf Lake (Union Co) (3), 5 May (SDB); Seward (Stephenson Co) (2), 3 Mar (DTW, LGB); Capron (Boone Co) (2), 19 May (EWW); Annawan (Henry Co) (2), 10 Mar (EWW); Granville (Putnam Co) (2), 23 May (DTW, BCW); Lawler (Gallatin Co) (2), 12 May (EWW); German Valley (Stephenson Co), 3 Mar (DTW, LGB); Urbana (Crystal Lake P), 10 May (GSL).

WHITE-WINGED DOVE

EA: 1-17 Apr & 6 May, Montrose (RC:ph & *GAW, CLW resp) [IORC review pending]. **LD**: 25 May, GrantP (Chi) (*DBJ, CL, SH, JIN) [IORC review pending].

Mourning Dove

MC: 111, *Monroe*, 5 May (C&PD); 57, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 31, *Randolph*, 25 Mar (KAM); 29, JP, 15 Apr (PRC); 29, *Clinton*, 5 May (KAM); 26, WhisperingWillows, 4 Mar (JBH).

Little Gull, right front swimming in water, with Bonaparte's Gulls. Clinton Lake, DeWitt County. 14 April 2012. Photo by Matt Fraker.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

EA: 25 Apr, JP, record early for this location (PRC); 28 Apr, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KAM, DMK); 28 Apr, MermetL (KAM, DMK); 3 May, se. Illinois (CLH); 4 May, LeVasseurP (JBH). **MC**: 14, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 7, BuseyWds, 20 May (BWBW); 6, Oakwood Btms, 18 May (VMK, CLH, et al.); 4, CarlL-C, 12 May (DMK); 4, CarlL-F, 19 May (DMK).

Black-billed Cuckoo

EA: 30 Apr, Spfld (HDB, KB); 4 May, LeVasseurP (JBH); 5 May, CarlL-C (DMK). **MC**: 2, Plum Crk FP (Cook Co), 13 May (JWL); 2, Montrose, 20 May (JIE, MD, MC, FRM); 2, Bloomington, 25 May (TH). **LD**: 25 May, JP (PRC); 24 May, *Will* (KAM); 24 May, Adams Wildlife Sanctuary (banded) (VMK). **Others**: Urbana (Crystal Lake P), 21 May (DLT); Ryerson, 20 May (SLD); Matthiessen SP (LaSalle Co), 22 May (KAM), Urbana, 19 May (RDs).

Barn Owl

DuPage (2), 22 Apr (JAS); *Johnson*, 24 Apr (CAT); *sw Pope*, 27 Apr (CAT, SDB); *Saline* (2), 28 Apr (JAS, BC, JIN); *Pulaski*, 28 Apr (MM-L et al.); Bartel Grassland (Cook Co), 4-11 Mar (JAS, PAM, m.ob.); PrRdg-M (♂ & ♀), 8 May (CLH, RES); 18 May (4), *Saline* (JAS, MAM).

Eastern Screech-Owl

MC: 4, GreeneVal, 5 May (JAS); 3, near Woodstock (McHenry Co), 17 Mar (RAM, ALM).

Great Horned Owl

MC: 3, CarlL-C, 5 May (DMK).

Snowy Owl

LD: 14 May, Rckfd (KE); 11 May, Union Twp (McHenry Co) (KML); 5 May, *DeKalb* (PO:ph); 6 Apr, *Lake* (*fide* DBJ); 26 Mar, Chi (*fide* SJH); 23 Mar, Rckfd (*fide* DTW, killed at Rckfd airport and collected by airport staff); 19 Mar, Northerly1 (Chi) (JDW); 14 Mar, Montrose (JIE:ph, DKA, m.ob.); 13 Mar, O'Hare Airport (Chi) (SFd); 11 Mar, *Kendall* (JAS et al.); 8 & 10 Mar, *Woodford* (TH); 3 Mar, Kewanee (Henry Co) (CY); 1 Mar, *Livingston* (BM:ph).

Northern Saw-whet Owl inside garage. Champaign, Champaign County. 10 May 2012. Photo by Gene Campbell.

Eastern Whip-poor-will. Humboldt Park, Chicago, Cook County. 30 April 2012 Photo by Sam Burckhardt.

Male Snowy Owl. DeKalb County. 4 May 2012. Photo by Pete Olson.

Snowy Owl. McHenry County. 3 April 2012. Photo by John Longhenry.

Barred Owl

MC: 13, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 8, StarvedRock, 5 May (BC); 8, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co), 24 Apr (ELK); 8, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 7, Pounds Hollow (Gallatin Co), 12 May (EWW); 5, Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co) (AGD); 4, Sugar R FP (Winnebago Co), 4 Mar (DTW); 4, CarlL-C, 5 May (DMK); 3, ClinL, 4 May (MEF). **Others**: MArb, 1 Mar (PAM); BuseyWds, 8 Apr (BWBW).

Long-eared Owl

LD: 8 Apr (2), Pleasant Valley FP (McHenry Co) (SDB, SLD); 20 Mar, *Vermilion* (MM-L); 17 Mar, Montrose (DKA); 7 Mar, MBC (MEF); 4 Mar, Bartel Grassland (Cook Co) (SAC, JJD).

Short-eared Owl

MC: 9, Shirland, 9 Mar (DTW). **LD**: 4 May, s. of Bellrose Rsv (EWW); 17 Mar, Montrose (GAW); 8 Mar, CarlL-B (DMK); 4 Mar (3), GLPSNA (JAS, PAM).

Northern Saw-whet Owl

LD: 10 May, Champaign (flew into residential garage) (GC:ph); 17 Mar, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co) (JIE); 12 Mar, *Sangamon* (HDB); 7 Mar, MBC (MEF); 4 Mar, Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co) (JAS, PAM).

Common Nighthawk

EA: 28 Apr, Carbondale (Jackson Co) (KAM, DMK); 28 Apr, Vienna (Johnson Co) (SDB, CAT); 30 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 2 May, HL (FRH); 2 May, Kankakee (JBH); 2 May, River Forest (Cook Co) (JSA); 3 May, Urbana (GSL); 3 May, Rckfd (DTW, LGB, BCW). **MC**: 20, Oakwood Btms, 18 May (VMK, CLH, et al.); 18, *Hamilton*, 5 May (CAT); 8, Anna (Union Co), 5 May (SDB); 4, CarlL-C, 5 May (DMK); 3, Harrisburg (Saline Co), 3 May (EWW); 3, Pounds Hollow (Gallatin Co), 12 May (EWW).

Chuck-will's-widow

EA: 24 Apr (5), Forbes SP (Marion Co) (JWW, ELK, DJO, WEL); 26 Apr (3), Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KAM); 28 Apr, *Pope* (GAW, CLW); 4 May, *Wayne* (RES). **MC**: 10, *Saline*, 28 Apr (JAS, JIN, BC); 8, e. *Pope*, 19 May (VMK, CLH, et al.); 6, Forbes SP (Marion Co), 3 May (CLH); 5, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co), 28 Apr (SDB, CAT). **Others**: 4 May, EwingP (TH); 14 May, Sam Dale CA (Wayne Co) (CLH); 30 May, Stephen A. Forbes SP (Marion Co) (DMK).

Eastern Whip-poor-will

EA: 31 Mar, Ferne Clyffe SP (Johnson Co) (KAM); 6 Apr (2), *sw. Washington* (TJD); 7 Apr, sc. Illinois (CLH); 8 Apr, Putnam Co CA (BC); 9 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 15 Apr, JP (PRC, EJG). **MC**: 11, Rose & Pinhook Crks (Hardin Co), 3 May (EWW); 10, Pounds Hollow (Gallatin Co), 12 May (EWW); 8, Garden-of-the-Gods (Saline Co), 3 May (EWW); 5, Grapevine Trail (Alexander Co), 4 May (EWW); 5, Florid (Putnam Co), 18 May (EWW). **LD**: 13 May, Montrose (MF).

Chimney Swift

EA: 30 Mar, Belleville (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 6 Apr, Metropolis (Massac Co) (FKB); 9 Apr (2), Spfld (HDB); 15 Apr, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 15 Apr, Champaign (GSL); 15 Apr, JP (PRC); 16 Apr (2), Kankakee (JBH). **MC**: 350+ (at chimney roost), Anna (Union Co), 4 May (SDB, VMK); 105, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co), 16 May (JBH); 65, Vienna (Johnson Co), 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 55, JP & Hyde P, Chi, 5 May (RLS, PRC); 43, Wrigley Field (Chi), 6 May (GAW, CLW); 32, Metropolis (Massac Co), 11 May (KAM); 20, CarlL-C, 29 Apr (DMK).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

EA: 12 Apr (♂), New Columbia (Massac Co) (FKB); 17 Apr (2), Ft. Massac (KAM); 29 Apr, Oakwood (Vermilion Co) (CC-C); 30 Apr (♂), Spfld (RJ); 2 May, Kankakee (JBH); 2 May, Rckfd (DTW, BCW); 5 May (♂), JP (RLS). **MC**: 128, e. *Adams*, 2 Jun (VMK); 41, NOND, 31 May (C&PD); 7, *Clinton*, 5 May (KAM); 6, CarlL-C, 19 May (DMK); 4, *Union*, 5 May (SDB). **LD**: 30 May (♂), JP (PRC); 30 May, NoP (NPBW). **Remarks**: "Very late in arriving this spring; several observers reported that females had arrived at their feeders before any males appeared" (VMK).

Belted Kingfisher

EA: 26 Feb, Hidden L FP (DuPage Co) (JSA, DJA); 27 Feb, LeVasseurP (JBH); 4 Mar, HL (FRH); 10 Mar, CarlL-C (DMK); 17 Mar, JP (RLS); 19 Mar, Montrose (JNN). **MC**: 4, JP, 15 Apr (PRC). **LD**: 13 Jun, NoP (NPBW); 2 Jun, JP (RLS).

Red-headed Woodpecker

EA: 27 Apr, JP (DW); 29 Apr, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD). **MC**: 13, Ft. Massac, 25 Mar (KAM); 8, Pecatonica, 5 May (DTW, BCW); 7, NOND, 5 May (C&PD); 7, MBC, 6 May (MEF); 5, *Union*, 5 May (VMK); 4, Mskoda, 5 May (JBH). **LD**: 13 May, Montrose (MF); 9 May, JP (PRC). **Remarks**: "Very good numbers this year" (LLH). "Continuing to be very scarce" (VMK).

Red-bellied Woodpecker

EA: 19 Mar, Montrose (AFS); 25 Apr (♂), JP (PRC). **MC**: 36, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 34, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 27, *Hamilton*, 5 May (CAT); 24, *Clinton*, 5 May (KAM); 17, NOND, 5 May (C&PD); 15, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

EA: 21 Mar, NoP (NPBW); 22 Mar, Spfld (HDB); 24 Mar (♂), JP (RLS, EJG); 25 Mar, *sw. Washington* (TJD); 25 Mar, Palos (WJM, NT); 30 Mar, RockCut (DTW). **MC**: 20, BuseyWds & Crystal Lake P, 1 Apr (BWBW); 13, JP, 15 Apr (PRC); 6, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 14 Apr (JSA, DJA); 4, Pecatonica, 5 Apr (DTW, BCW). **LD**: 8 May, Montrose (RAM); 6 May (♀), JP (PRC); 25 Apr (3), NoP (NPBW); 22 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 7 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK).

Downy Woodpecker

MC: 22, LCal, 5 May (WJM, MLB, SBB); 21, NOND, 5 May (C&PD); 19, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 14, Ft. Massac, 19 Mar (KAM).

Hairy Woodpecker

MC: 11, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 7, HennepinL, 10 Mar (DFS); 6, Pomona, 13 Apr (KAM); 6, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV).

Northern Flicker

EA: 2 Mar (2), *Sangamon* (HDB); 2 Mar, Wilmington (Will Co) (JBH); 11 Mar (♂), JP (PRC); 11 Mar, Chi (GAW, CLW). **MC**: 29, Salt Crk Wds FP (Cook Co), 1 Apr (DFS); 25, LineP, 2 Apr (MD); 23, JP, 1 Apr (PRC); 12, Humiston Wds NC (Livingston Co), 31 Mar (BC); 10, CarlL-C, 17 Mar (DMK); 9, LeVasseurP, 20 Mar (JBH). **LD**: 6 May (3), JP (PRC).

Pileated Woodpecker

MC: 19, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 10, CarlL-F, 17 Mar (DMK); 9, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 5, Ft. Massac, 10 Mar (KAM); 5, Pomona, 17 Mar (KAM); 4, MomenceWet, 22 May (JBH). **Other**: MArb, 1 Mar (PAM); Spears Wds, Palos (Cook Co), 2 Mar (AFS).

American Kestrel

EA: 14 Mar, JP (KMC). **MC**: 7, *Woodford* & *McLean*, 4 Mar (MEF); 5, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 4, *Perry*, 11 Mar (KAM); 4, CarlL-C, 11, 17, & 25 Mar (DMK); 4, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 2 May (EWW). **LD**: 12 May, JP (NB).

Elaenia sp. Oak Park, Cook County. 22 April 2012. Photo by Jim Hully.

Merlin

EA: 23 Mar, Rckfd (DTW, BCW); 14 Apr, Montrose (RDH). **MC**: 3, Montrose, 30 Apr (ABB); 2, Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 2 May (EWW). **LD**: 11 May, MidSav (MF); 8 May, Montrose (DKA); 5 May, LeVasseurP (JBH); 5 May, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 29 Apr, Olney (Richland Co) (CLH).

Peregrine Falcon

EA: 5 Mar, Quiney Bay (AGD); 19 Mar, Rckfd (DTW, BCW); 16 Apr, CarlL-F (KAM). **MC**: 3, *McLean*, 1 May (RGH); 2, *Marion*, 24 Apr (JWW, ELK, DJO, WEL). **LD**: 16 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 9 May, Urbana (GSL); 8 May, Rekfd (DTW, BCW); 1 May, Kankakee (JBH); 30 Apr, PrRdg-M (CLH); 28 Apr, *Edwards* (RES). **Others**: Lomax (Henderson Co) (ad), 14 Apr (LLH); *Mason*, 20 Apr (KAM); PrRdg-J, 23 Apr (JWW, ELK, DJO, WEL).

Monk Parakeet

MC: 20, *DuPage*, 5 Mar (LP et al.); 15, JP, 17 Mar (RLS); 14, Burnham (Cook Co), 5 Mar (SBB); 12, Rainbow P (Chi), 26 May (DFS); 8, Calumet P (Chi), 18 Apr (AAA).

ELAENIA, SP?

17-22 Apr, Douglas P (Chi) (AG:ph, EG, NG, m.ob.:ph). 1st state record & 1st or 2nd U.S. record.

Olive-sided Flycatcher

EA: 5 May, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co) (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 5 May, Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co) (AGD); 5 May, Spfld (HDB); 5 May, Audubon Twp (Montgomery Co) (JM); 5 May, UCCA (VMK); 6 May, MBC (MEF). **MC**: 3, Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co), 27 May (DFS); 2, JP, 25 May (PRC). **LD**: 6 Jun, River Forest (Cook Co) (JSA, DJA); 4 Jun, Glacial P (McHenry Co) (DTW, BCW); 4 Jun, IBSP (No. Unit) (BJS); 3 Jun, Richardson Wildlife Foundation (Lee Co) (DJS); 3 Jun, RockCut (DTW, MJW).

Eastern Wood-Pewee

EA: 26 Apr, Lake of Egypt, SNF (Johnson Co) (SDB, CAT); 27 Apr, Giant City SP (Jackson/Union Cos) (KAM); 30 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 3 May Montrose (MD). **MC**: 90, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 25, *Hamilton*, 5 May (CAT); 22, CarlL-C, 14 May (KAM); 14, Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co), 27 May (DFS); 11, Montrose, 28 May (GAW); 8, *Sangamon*, 6 & 21 May (HDB). **LD**: 13 Jun, NoP (NPBW); 8 Jun, Montrose (SJH).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

EA: 5 May, *Union* (SDB); 13 May, Rekfd (DTW, BCW); 15 May, Spfld (HDB); 16 May, NoP (NPBW); 18 May, JP (AFS); 19 May, CarlL-C (DMK). **MC**: 10, LineP, 27 May (JIE); 4, JP, 28 May (AAA); 3 (banded), Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 24 May (VMK). **LD**: 5 Jun, John J. Duffy FP (Cook Co) (AFS); 4 Jun, *DuPage* (ABA); 2 Jun, JP (RLS et al.); 2 Jun (2), Montrose (RDH).

Acadian Flycatcher

EA: 26 Apr, Lake of Egypt, SNF (Johnson Co) (SDB, CAT); 28 Apr (2), L Murphysboro SP (Jackson Co) (KAM, DMK); 30 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 12 May, JP (RLS); 16 May, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH). **MC**: 96, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 28, White Rock NP (Monroe Co), 5 May (C&PD); 10, *Jackson*, 19 May (CLH, VMK, et al.); 5, MissPalis, 19 May (EWW). **LD**: 10 Jun (♪♂), Montrose (RDH); 9 Jun, LincP (GAW et al.).

Alder Flycatcher

EA: 5 May, NoP (JIN); 10 May, Sangchris (HDB); 11 May, Crawford Co CA (CLH); 12 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 16 May, SpringSl (Whiteside Co) (DTW); 18 May, IBSP (EWW). **MC**: 24, Chi, 25 May (MH); 8, WinthropH, 27 May (BJS); 7, Montrose, 28 May (GAW); 4, JP, 28 May (AAA). **LD**: 17 Jun, IBSP (EWW); 17 Jun, Palos (MD); 16 Jun (♪♂), Franklin Crk SNA (Lee Co) (SFP); 7 Jun, Sinnissippi Pk (Sterling, Whiteside Co) (DH); 6 Jun, Chi (SBB); 6 Jun (2), Montrose (RDH); 4 Jun, Emiquon (KBR); 4 Jun, Spfld (Washington Pk) (HDB); 2 Jun, *Wayne* (CLH).

Willow Flycatcher

EA: 6 May, Pecatonica (DTW, BCW); 11 May (2), *Sangamon* (HDB); 12 May, se. Illinois (CLH); 15 May, JP (PRC). **MC**: 11, Montrose, 28 May (GAW); 10, Douglas P (Chi), 27 May (EDG); 5, GrassySl Preserve (Johnson Co), 20 May (KAM); 5, Aurora West FP (Kane Co), 23 May (KAM). **LD**: 17 Jun, JP (PRC); 17 Jun, Montrose (GAW, CLW).

Least Flycatcher

EA: 17 Apr, Ft. Massac (KAM); 22 Apr, JP (PRC et al.); 28 Apr (3), *Jackson* (KAM, DMK); 28 Apr (4), *Johnson* (SDB, CAT); 28 Apr, *Sangamon* (HDB); 28 Apr, *Cook* (DFS). **MC**: 19, JP, 5 May (RLS et al.); 11, Montrose, 6 May (GAW, CLW); 10, GrantP, 8 May (DEW); 6, CarlL-C, 29 Apr (DMK). **LD**: 11 Jun, Montrose (DKA, MD); 7 Jun, *Cook* (RLS, JRRS); 19 May (2), CarlL-F (DMK); 17 May, Spfld (HDB).

Eastern Phoebe

EA: 28 Feb (2), MeadbrkPk (TK); 1 Mar, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 4 Mar, Emiquon (LLH); 6 Mar, Spfld (HDB); 6 Mar, JP (RD); 7 Mar, Montrose (MD). **MC**: 20, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 10, CarlL-C, 11 & 17-18 Mar (DMK); 10, CarlL-F, 19 May (DMK); 9, NorthcrlyI (Chi), 21 Mar (CBT); 8, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 5, JP, 28 Mar (PRC); 4, MomenceWet, 22 May (JBH). **LD**: 2 May, Montrose (DKA).

Remarks: "Scarce at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: only one banded this spring in contrast to an average of 36 banded per spring from 2009 through 2011" (VMK).

Great Crested Flycatcher

EA: 17 Apr (2), Ft. Massac (KAM); 18 Apr, Sangchris (HDB); 23 Apr, *Knox* (DJM); 26 Apr, *Bureau* (DFS). **MC**: 31, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 20, *Jackson*, 19 May (CLH, VMK, et al.); 16, CarlL-C, 19 May (DMK); 14, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 13, White Rock NP (Monroe Co), 5 May (C&PD); 12, MomenceWet, 22 May (JBH); 11, *Sangamon*, 21 May (HDB); 11, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV). **LD**: 10 Jun, Montrose (RDH).

Western Kingbird

EA: 2 May, HL (FRH); 2 May, NorthcrlyI (Chi) (DFS); 2 May (3), Pecatonica (DTW, BCW). **MC**: 2, ESTL, 26 May (DMK). **LD**: 4-6 Jun, Kansas Twp (Woodford Co) (MEF:ph, m.ob.). **Others**: Fabyan FP (Kane Co), 12 May (SFd); O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 28 May (KAM). **Hybrid?**: Cherry Hill FP (Cook Co), 17 May (PD:ph, MDy:ph), possible Western Kingbird X Scissor-tailed Flycatcher.

Eastern Kingbird

EA: 13 Apr, Fairview Heights (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 14 Apr, *Jackson* (KAM); 14 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 16 Apr, Montrose (LGM, ABB). **MC**: 22, *Sangamon*, 7 May (HDB); 21, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 20, CarlL-C, 18 May (DMK); 20, *Jackson*, 19 May (CLH, VMK, et al.); 15, Montrose, 20 May (JIE, MC).

Remarks: "The population is down this year; seldom see birds along the roads" (LLH).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher. Owl Creek Winery, Cobden, Union County. 5 May 2012. Photo by Cathie Hutcheson.

Western Kingbird. Cherry Hills Forset Preserve, Cook County. 17 May 2012. Photo by Mike Daley.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

EA: 22 Apr (♂), Camp Drake, Oakwood (Vermilion Co) (SS et al.); 4 & 5 May (ad ♂), AmnBot (C&PD); 5 May, see below; 6 May, CarlL-B (DMK, MSS, KAM). **MC**: 2, *Monroe*, 21 May (JAS, MAM); 2, 2 locations ~2 miles apart, near Cobden (Union Co), 5 May (CH:phs).

Loggerhead Shrike

EA: 1 Apr (2), Midewin (JAS); 6 Apr, *Massac* (KAM). **MC**: 6, *Edwards*, 5 May (RES); 3, PrRdg-M, 30 May (DMK); 2, PrRdg-J, 23 Apr (JWW, ELK, DJO, WEL); 2, *Massac*, 28 Apr (KAM, DMK).

Remarks: "Observed regularly the first week of May at sites in the following counties: *Wayne* (3), *Edwards* (7), *Wabash* (2), *Richland* (2), *Jasper* (3), *Marion* (2)" (CLH, RES).

Northern Shrike

LD: 17 Mar, Montrose (GAW); 11 Mar, *Grundy* (APS, RLS); 9 Mar, WinthropH (JSS); 3 Mar (ad), Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co) (EWW).

White-eyed Vireo

EA: 19 Mar, MermetL (KAM); 7 Apr, Weldon Springs SP (DeWitt Co) (RJ); 15 Apr, Champaign (MM-L); 19 Apr, Sangchris (HDB); 21 Apr, PowderhornL FP (Cook Co) (SBB); 21 Apr, RockCut (DTW). **MC**: 74, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 34, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 29, *Monroe*, 5 May (C&PD); 17, *Jackson*, 25 Apr (KAM); 10, Ft. Massac, 26 Apr (KAM); 10, CarlL-C, 29 Apr (DMK). **LD**: 17 May, IBSP (EWW); 11 May, Klehm Arboretum (Rckfd) (DTW).

Bell's Vireo

EA: 28 Apr, *Saline* (JIN, BC, JAS); 28 Apr, Bellrose Rsv (KAM, DMK); 2 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 5 May (♪♂), *Montgomery* (RJ); 5 May, *Jo Daviess* (DWy). **MC**: 8, *Hamilton*, 5 May (CAT); 6, GrassySl Preserve (Johnson Co), 20 May (KAM); 5, BraidwoodL, 21 May (JBH).

Others: L&D 13, 19 May (EWW).

Yellow-throated Vireo

EA: 31 Mar, Ft. Massac (KAM); 7 Apr, Weldon Springs SP (DeWitt Co) (RJ); 17 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 21 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 24 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 22 Apr, Silver Spring SP (Kendall Co) (ASA); 26 Apr (2), HennepinL (DFS). **MC**: 21, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 10 & 8, *Johnson*, 28 & 26 Apr resp (SDB, CAT); 9, *Clinton*, 5 May (KAM); 6, MBC, 6 May (MEF); 6, Thompson Point (Carroll Co), 19 May (EWW); 5, *Sangamon*, 6 May (HDB); 4, Ft. Massac, 17 Apr (KAM); 4, CarlL-C, 29 Apr (DMK). **LD**: 16 May, JP (PRC).

Blue-headed Vireo

EA: 19 Apr, Douglas P (Chi) (EDG, SDB m.ob.); 21 Apr, DesPlaines CA (Will Co) (DFS); 21 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 23 Apr, Pyramid SP (Perry Co) (CAT); 24 Apr (2), EwingP (APC); 24 Apr, Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 4, CarlL-C, 29 Apr & 5 May (DMK); 3, Bloomington, 8 May (APC). **LD**: 25 May, Springbrook Pr FP (DuPage Co) (KAM); 25 May (2), EwingP (TH); 21 May, Waterfall Glen FP (DuPage Co) (VS); 18 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 14 May, Spfld (HDB).

Warbling Vireo

EA: 31 Mar, MermetL (KAM) (record early by 2 days); 7 Apr (2), Weldon Springs SP (DeWitt Co) (RJ); 7 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 8 Apr, Sam Parr SP (Jasper Co) (ASA); 16 Apr (2), Spfld (HDB); 17 Apr, *Mason* (KBR); 19 Apr, Wolf Road Pr FP (Cook Co) (LP); 20 Apr, NoP (JIN). **MC**: 35, HennepinL, 11 May (DFS); 29, *Kane*, 5 May (JJD); 20, Carl-C, 29 Apr (DMK); 19, *Monroe*, 5 May (C&PD); 17, LCal, 17 May (WJM); 12, *Sangamon*, 5 May (HDB); 12, JP, 6 & 16 May (PRC).

Philadelphia Vireo

EA: 3 May, se. Illinois (CLH); 3 May, Spfld (HDB); 3 May, Rckfd (DTW); 5 May, Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co) (AGD); 5 May, LCal (SBB); 6 May, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD). **MC**: 3, Coral Wds CA (McHenry Co), 21 May (DC). **LD**: 27 May, IBSP (BJS, JSS); 25 May, LincP (JIE); 21 May, EwingP (LA); 19 May, CarlL-F (DMK); 19 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 19 May, *Pope* (JV, IOS).

Red-eyed Vireo

EA: 6 Apr, Pomona (KAM); 21 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 22 Apr, BuseyWds (BWBW); 22 Apr, *sw. Washington* (TJD); 26 Apr, Oak Park (Cook Co) (EDG); 27 Apr, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co) (DKA); 28 Apr, Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co) (CD). **MC**: 67, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 21, White Rock NP (Monroe Co), 5 May (C&PD); 19, Pomona, 11 May (KAM); 18, LaBagh Wds FP (Chi), 19 May (GAW et al.); 17, MissPalis, 19 May (EWW); 15, *Sangamon*, 6 & 18 May (HDB).

Blue Jay

EA: 11 Apr, JP (PRC). **MC**: 114, LincP, 13 May (GAW, CLW); 43, Palos, 5 May (WSS); 39, JP, 2 May (PRC); 27, IBSP, 17 May (EWW); 19, *Union*, 5 May (SDB).

American Crow

MC: 81, PaulDouglas, 5 May (SSc); 62, NoP, 9 May (NPBW); 55, *Putnam*, 4 Mar (BC); 42, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 40, CarlL-C, 8 Mar (DMK); 32, IBSP, 4 Mar (EWW); 31, *Union*, 5 May (SDB).

Fish Crow

EA: 3 Mar (3), CONWR (WDR); 4 Mar, Peabody (TJD). **MC**: 20, Metropolis (Massac Co), 20 May (VMK, CLH, et al.); 17, ECapeGir, 17 Mar (KAM); 14, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 20 Mar (TJD); 12, *Randolph*, 14 Mar (KAM); 6, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT).
Others: Spfld, 24 Apr (HDB).

Horned Lark

MC: 80, CarlL-C, 8 Mar (DMK); 54, *Clinton*, 5 May (KAM).

Purple Martin

EA: 2 Mar, MermetL (FKB); 10 Mar, BaldwinL (St. Clair Co) (CAT); 19 Mar (3), *Tazewell* (DHr); 25 Mar (♀), Spfld (HDB); 27 Mar, Catlin (Vermilion Co) (BS); 28 Mar, Toulon (Stark Co) (JWW). **MC**: 40, CarlL-C, 29 Apr (DMK); 40, Cahokia Mounds Historic Site (St. Clair Co), 26 May (DMK); 38, LincP, 13 May (GAW, CLW); 38, JP, 23 May (PRC); 21, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT).

Tree Swallow

EA: 1 Mar ("a few"), Heron CP (Vermilion Co) (BV); 6 Mar (4), HL (KAM); 6 Mar (2), Joppa (Massac Co) (FKB); 7 Mar (10), StarvedRock (SDB); 7 Mar (2), Spfld (HDB); 10 Mar (24), L Mattoon (Coles Co) (CAT); 10 Mar (20), Chau (MJW); 10 Mar (3), GLPSNA (RLS); 10 Mar (2), HennepinL (BC). **MC**: 500, CarlL-F, 22 Apr (DMK); 410, HL, 21 Apr (FRH); 250, Pecatonica, 1 Apr (DTW); 140, *Sangamon*, 1 May (HDB); 140, LCal, 5 May (WJM, SBB); 123, ClinL, 16 Apr (MEF); 100, Emiquon, 20 Apr (KAM).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow

EA: 18 Mar, EForkL (CLH); 24 Mar, *Sangamon* (HDB); 25 Mar (3), HLCA (KAM); 25 Mar, LeVasseurP (JBH); 26 Mar, Belleville (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 28 Mar, JP (PRC) (record early for JP); 1 Apr (3), GrecneVal (JAS). **MC**: 120, *Hamilton*, 21 Apr (CAT); 120, CarlL-F, 22 Apr (DMK); 30, JP, 28 Apr (GP); 21, LincP, 13 May (GAW, CLW); 20, Oakwood Btms, 21 Apr (KAM); 20, LeVasseurP, 5 May (JBH).

Bank Swallow

EA: 30 Mar, landfill borrow pits (Madison Co) (KAM); 15 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 15 Apr (4), Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 15 Apr, Montrose (KBs); 16 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 19 Apr (5), PaulDouglas (SAC). **MC**: 188, Rckfd, 5 May (DTW); 120, *Jo Daviess*, 23 May (DWy); 80, CarlL-F, 22 Apr (DMK); 52, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co), 16 May (JBH). **LD**: 13 May (2), JP (JWL).

Cliff Swallow

EA: 19 Mar (5), Metropolis (Massac Co) (KAM); 8 Apr (6), CarlL-C (DMK); 10 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 13 Apr, Big Rock FP (Kane Co) (ASA); 14 Apr (2), MomenceSod (JBH); 20 Apr (5), WhalonL (JAS). **MC**: 245, *White*, 5 May (RES); 200+, *Union*, 5 May (VMK); 200, ESTL, 26 May (DMK); 130, *Bureau*, 5 May (DFS); 68, MomenceSod, 5 May (JBH).

Bewick's Wren. Buckhorn Township, Brown County. 5 May 2012. Photo by Michael P. Ward.

Barn Swallow

EA: 5 Mar, *Union* (VL *fide* RSR); 19 Mar, Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 28 Mar, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 29 Mar, HL (FRH); 29 Mar (6), Columbia (Monroe Co) (DMK); 29 Mar, Spfld (HDB); 1 Apr, Blackwell FP (DuPage Co) (ASA); 2 Apr, Montrose (LGM); 3 Apr, Evergreen L (McLean Co) (BM). **MC**: 200, CarlL-C, 22 Apr (DMK); 80, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 53, JP, 28 May (PRC); 45, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 32, LincP, 26 May (GAW).

Carolina Chickadee

MC: 18, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 12, CarlL-C, 5 May (DMK); 12, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 10, *Jackson*, 19 May (CLH, VMK, et al.); 9, Ft. Massac, 10 Mar (KAM).
Other: BuseyWds (2), 11 Mar (BWBW).

Black-capped Chickadee

MC: 31, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 27, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV).
Other: River Bend FP (Champaign Co) (2), 21 Mar (CKA); Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co), 19 May (DMK).

Tufted Titmouse

MC: 138, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 41, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 38, *Clinton*, 5 May (KAM); 28, Ft. Massac, 19 Mar (KAM); 17, *Union*, 5 May (VMK); 16, CarlL-C, 5 May (DMK); 13, MomenceWet, 22 May (JBH); 11, MBC, 6 May (MEF). **Other**: Montrose, 22 Apr (PKD).

Red-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 4, Pleasant Valley FP (McHenry Co), 8 Apr (SDB, SLD); 3, RockCut, 4 Mar (DTW). **LD**: 8 Jun, Montrose (ABB, SJH); 30 May, Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co) (BJS); 12 May, Palos (NLB, JDW, JB, NG); 11 May, Rckfd (DTW).

White-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 11, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 10, Deer Grove East FP (Cook Co), 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV); 9, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV); 7, LeVasseurP, 4 Mar (JBH); 6, CarlL-C, 19 May (DMK).

Brown Creeper

EA: 18 Mar, Montrose (EGf); 21 Mar, JP (PRC); 21 Mar (2), NoP (NPBW). **MC**: 12, JP, 4 Apr (PRC); 4, NoP, 11 Apr (NPBW). **LD**: 9 May, JP (PRC); 9 May, LaBagh Wds FP (Cook Co) (PP); 5 May (♪♂, possibly on breeding territory), *Montgomery* (RJ); 17 Apr, EwingP (APC); 7 Apr, *Jasper* (ASA).
Remarks: "Scarce at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: only three banded this spring in contrast to an average of 40 banded per spring from 2009 through 2011" (VMK).

Carolina Wren

MC: 124, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 29, Ft. Massac, 19 Mar (KAM); 28, Pomona, 17 Mar (KAM); 26, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 10, CarlL-C, 12 May (DMK); 4, Palos, 4 May (WSS); 3, LeVasseurP, 6 Mar (JBH).

BEWICK'S WREN

Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co), 21 Apr (*fide* TW) (seen through at least 22 May).

House Wren

EA: 19 Mar (♪♂), Spfld (RJ); 22 Mar, *DuPage* (SAC); 29 Mar, New Columbia (Massac Co) (FKB); 3 Apr, Galesburg (Knox Co) (DJM); 5 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 5 Apr, Lowell P (Ogle Co) (MAM); 8 Apr, MBC (MEF); 12 Apr, Deer Run FP (Winnebago Co) (DTW, BCW). **MC**: 29, HennepinL, 11 May (DFS); 26, LCal, 5 May (WJM, SBB); 24, MomenceWet, 22 May (JBH); 21, ClinL, 4 May (MEF).

Winter Wren

EA: 4 Mar, Spfld (HDB); 7 Mar, NoP (JIN); 11 Mar, Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co) (DFS). **MC**: 3, Ft. Massac, 10 Mar (KAM); 3, Big Rock FP (Kane Co), 1 Apr (SAC). **LD**: 1 May, *nw. Cook* (JV); 27 Apr, Montrose (LGM); 27 Apr, IBSP (EWW); 21 Apr, EwingP (BM); 16 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 12 Apr, *sw. Washington* (TJD); 11 Apr, *Woodford* (TH); 31 Mar, Ft. Massac (KAM).

Remarks: "Scarce at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: only one banded this spring" (VMK).

Sedge Wren

EA: 2 Apr, PrRdg-M (CLH); 17 Apr, DYNL (ASA); 19 Apr, Montrose (MD); 21 Apr, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD). **MC**: 5, SpringSl (Whiteside Co), 15 May (DTW); 5, LeVasseurP, 25 May (JBH); 3, Ware (Union Co), 28 Apr (KAM, DMK). **LD**: 13 May, JP (BMW, HC); 13 May, Montrose (GAW, CLW).

Marsh Wren

EA: 4 Mar, RendL-F (WDR) (record early migrant if not wintering individual); 10 Mar, CONWR (THy) (2nd earliest arrival date if not wintering individual); 28 Mar, Wilkinson-RenwickM FP (DeKalb Co) (ASA); 4 Apr, PrRdg-J (CLH); 7 Apr (2), PaulDouglas (CAT); 21 Apr, *Sangamon* (HDB). **MC**: 11, LCal, 5 May (WJM, SBB); 7 (♪♂), BrobergM (Lake Co), 7 May (SDB). **LD**: 6 May, Montrose (GAW, CLW); 5 May (2), Heron CP (Vermilion Co) (BS); 5 May (2), *Union* (SDB); 4 May (2♪♂), Urbana (Weaver P) (GSL). **Others**: Adams Wildlife Sanctuary (banded), 10 May (VMK); Cypress Crk NWR (Johnson Co), 28 Apr (SDB, CAT).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

EA: 17 Mar, New Columbia (Massac Co) (FKB); 25 Mar, *Union* (VL *fide* RSR); 25 Mar, *e. Knox* (DJM); 4 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 5 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 7 Apr (2), Weldon Springs SP (DeWitt Co) (RJ); 7 Apr (2), LRen (DFS). **MC**: 113, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 52, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 38, Ft. Massac, 17 Apr (KAM); 27, JP, 2 May (PRC); 21, *LaSalle*, 5 May (BC); 19, IBSP, 17 May (EWW); 18, CarlL-C, 21 Apr (DMK); 16, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV); 16, LincP, 13 May (GAW, CLW). **LD**: 29 May, Montrose (GAW, CLW).

Golden-crowned Kinglet

EA: 8 Mar (2), Spfld (HDB); 9 Mar, ClinL (MEF); 14 Mar (3), JP (PRC). **MC**: 19, JP, 1 Apr (PRC); 11, Montrose, 17 Mar (GAW); 10, IBSP, 7 Apr (EWW). **LD**: 8 May, EwingP (LA); 2 May (2), Glacial P (McHenry Co) (DC); 1 May, Urbana (MM-L); 15 Apr, JP (PRC); 11 Apr (5), NoP (NPBW); 31 Mar, HL (FRH); 31 Mar, Ft. Massac (KAM).

Remarks: "Absent from Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: none banded this spring in contrast to an average of 8 banded per spring from 2009 through 2011" (VMK).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

EA: 17 Mar, UCCA (KAM); 18 Mar, SpringL (DHr); 21 Mar (2), Spfld (HDB); 21 Mar, Northerly1 (Chi) (CBT); 25 Mar, Palos (WJM, NT). **MC**: 16, JP, 15 Apr (PRC); 15, Douglas P (Chi) (SDB); 12, Montrose, 6 May (GAW, CLW); 11, NoP, 18 Apr (NPBW); 9, Ft. Massac, 19 Mar (KAM); 6, CarlL-C, 29 Apr (DMK); 5, BuseyWds, 1 Apr (BWBW). **LD**: 19 May, Evanston (Cook Co) (JIE); 19 May (2), Montrose (DKA); 14 May, JP (YJ); 8 May, EwingP (APC, LA); 5 May (2), CarlL-C (DMK); 5 May, LeVasseurP (JBH); 29 Apr, HL (FRH).

Remarks: "Scarce at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: only 12 banded this spring in contrast to an average of 46 banded per spring from 2009 through 2011" (VMK).

Eastern Bluebird

EA: 10 Mar (2), Montrose (GAW); 11 Mar, see below. **MC**: 29, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 25, *Jackson*, 27 Apr (KAM); 24, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 19, Pomona, 17 Mar (KAM); 11, IBSP, 17 May (EWW); 8, CarlL-C, 10 Mar (DMK); 4, JP 11 Mar & 2 May (PRC). **LD**: 2 Jun (♀), JP (MW); 2 May, NoP (NPBW).

Leucistic American Robin. Springfield, Sangamon County. 31 March 2012. Photo by H. David Bohlen, Illinois State Museum.

Veery

EA: 28 Apr, Oakwood Btms (KAM, DMK); 28 Apr, CONWR (KAM, DMK); 28 Apr, JP (GP); 30 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 30 Apr, Wauk (ASl); 1 May (banded), Adams Wildlife Sanctuary (VMK). **MC**: 13, Calumet P (Chi), 4 May (WJM); 9, LincP, 13 May (GAW, CLW); 8, JP, 13 May (BMW); 5, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB). **LD**: 10 Jun, Montrose (RDH); 25 May, LeVasseurP (JBH); 23 May, Spfld (HDB); 20 May, CarlL-C (DMK).

Remarks: "Somewhat scarce at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: only six banded this spring in contrast to an average of 10 banded per spring from 2009 through 2011" (VMK).

Gray-cheeked Thrush

EA: 27 Apr, Giant City SP (Jackson/Union Cos) (KAM); 28 Apr (2 banded), Adams Wildlife Sanctuary (VMK); 28 Apr, Oakwood Btms (KAM, DMK); 28 Apr, L Murphysboro SP (Jackson Co) (KAM); 29 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 29 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 4 May (2), Kankakee (JBH); 4 May, LCal (WJM); 6 May, Montrose (GAW, CLW). **MC**: 10, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 6, *Clinton*, 5 May (KAM); 5, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 5, JP, 12 May (NB); 4, CarlL-C, 5 & 12 May (DMK). **LD**: 27 May, Montrose (MD); 26 May, Humboldt P (Chi) (SBB); 23 May (banded), Adams Wildlife Sanctuary (VMK); 19 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 17 May, Spfld (HDB).

Remarks: "Scarce at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: only eight banded this spring in contrast to an average of 18 banded per spring from 2009 through 2011" (VMK).

Swainson's Thrush

EA: 15 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 16 Apr (banded), Adams Wildlife Sanctuary (VMK); 19 Apr, Douglas P (Chi) (DFS); 20 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 21 Apr, LincP (KBs). **MC**: 26, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 21, Clinton, 5 May (KAM); 11, *Sangamon*, 6 May (HDB); 10, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 10, JP, 12 May (NB). **LD**: 20 Jun, Chi (EDG), recorded singing, on an iPhone; 8 Jun, Montrose (RDH); 31 May, Bloomington (MEF); 31 May, Spfld (HDB); 27 May, LeVasseurP (JBH); 26 May, ESTL (DMK).

Remarks: "Scarce at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: only 22 banded this spring in contrast to an average of 61 banded per spring from 2009 through 2011" (VMK).

Hermit Thrush

EA: 12 Mar, EwingP (BM); 18 Mar, Montrose (JHP, MD); 21 Mar, Sangchris (HDB); 21 Mar, JP (PJP); 5 Apr (4), Pecatonica (DTW, BCW); 6 Apr, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH). **MC**: 83, Chi lakefront, 15 Apr (GAW, CLW, NG); 39, JP, 15 Apr (PRC); 6 (banded), Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 17 Apr (VMK). **LD**: 16 May, IBSP (JSt); 12 May, JP (RLS); 12 May, Palos (NLB, JDW, JB, NG); 12 May, Montrose (FRM); 5 May, *Woodford* (TH); 1 May, Spfld (HDB); 29 Apr (2), CarlL-C (DMK).

Remarks: "Scarce", sc. Illinois (CLH).

Wood Thrush

EA: 14 Apr, Pomona (KAM); 15 Apr, EwingP (LA); 15 Apr, Montrose (FRM); 17 Apr (2), Ft. Massac (KAM); 19 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 22 Apr (2), CarlL-C (DMK); 29 Apr, JP (PRC). **MC**: 36, White Rock NP (Monroe Co) & NOND, 5 May (C&PD); 28, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 14, *Clinton*, 5 May (KAM); 7, MomenceWet, 22 May (JBH); 6, *Sangamon*, 1 May (HDB); 4, CarlL-C, 5 May (DMK); 4, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV); 3, JP, 1 & 5 May (RLS). **LD**: 13 May, JP (PRC).

American Robin

EA: 22 Feb, Ellisville (Fulton Co), "migrants" (LLH). **MC**: 1200, CarlL-C, 8 Mar (DMK); 474, JP, 18 Mar (PRC); 296, NoP, 21 Mar (NPBW); 211, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 100, Aroma Park, 4 Mar (JBH); 65, *Union*, 5 May (SDB). **LD**: 15 Apr, JP (PRC) (noted as migrants).

Varied Thrush
LD: 3-13 Mar, Lake Villa (Lake Co) (G&WT:ph).

Gray Catbird
EA: 14 Mar, Montrose (DKA, SBB); 7 Apr, DYNL (VLa); 8 Apr, MeadbrkPk (TK); 16 Apr, NoP (JIN); 20 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 21 Apr (2), CarlL-C (DMK); 25 Apr, LeVasseurP (JBH). **MC**: 63, LCal, 5 May (WJM, SBB); 41, GrantP, 4 May (DEW); 36, JP, 6 May (PRC); 26, *Sangamon*, 4 May (HDB); 23, CarlL-C, 14 May (KAM); 20, Montrose, 6 May (GAW, CLW).
Remarks: "Fairly good migratory numbers: 58 banded at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 19 Apr – 24 May" (VMK).

Northern Mockingbird
EA: 21 Mar, JP (PRC) (record early for site); 30 Mar, Danville (Vermilion Co) (JR); 5 May, Forest Park (Cook Co), (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB). **MC**: 23, Johnson, 26 Apr (CAT, SDB, MSS); 9, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 6, CarlL-C, 6 Apr (DMK); 6, Metropolis (Massac Co), 26 Apr (KAM). **Others**: Melrose Twp (Adams Co) (2), 4 May (AGD); Urbana (U of I South Farms) (pr), 4 May (GSL); HomerL FP (Champaign Co), 20 May (JH).

Brown Thrasher
EA: 3 Mar, CONWR (WDR); 4 Mar, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 8 Mar, Columbus P (Chi) (EDG); 9 Mar, Springbrook Pr FP (DuPage Co) (JAS); 11 Mar, Heron CP (Vermilion Co (BS); 13 Mar, *Sangamon* (HDB). **MC**: 16, CarlL-C, 24 Mar (DMK); 15, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 12, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 8, IBSP, 17 May (EWW); 7, JP, 15 Apr (PRC); 5, BraidwoodL, 30 Apr (JBH). **LD**: 20 May, LincP (GAW, NG); 13 May (4), JP (PRC).

Northern Mockingbird. Marion, Williamson County. 25 April 2012. Photo by Jackie Bowman.

European Starling
EA: 7 Mar (52), JP (PRC) (first discerned migrants). **MC**: 8000, CarlL-C, 8 Mar (DMK); 400, Kankakee, 3 Mar (JBH); 205, Chi lakefront parks, 15 Apr (GAW, CLW, NG).

American Pipit (1st passage)
EA: 8 Mar (4), SantaFe (DMK); 8 Mar (46), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 10 Mar (10), Bellrose Rsv (KAM); 13 Mar, Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW); 14 Mar, Montrose (JIE); 16 Mar (3), ClinL (MEF); 17 Mar, WhisperingWillows (JBH). **MC**: 80, CarlL-C, 18 Mar (DMK); 80, CarlL-B, 31 Mar (DMK); 80, Bellrose Rsv, 6 Apr (KAM); 50, PrRdg, 1 Mar (CLH, VMK et al.); 20, Killdeer Wetlands (Cook Co), 20 Mar (WSS).

American Pipit (2nd passage)
MC: 30, Montrose, 1 May (WSS, JNN, LGM); 13, MomenceSod, 28 Apr (JBH); 12, Camp Drake, Oakwood (Vermilion Co), 24 Apr (DLT); 10, Farina Wetland (Fayette Co), 29 Apr (SDB). **LD**: 24 May, *Lake* (JOS); 6 May (2), Montrose (GAW, CLW); 5 May, *Monroe* (C&PD); 5 May (5), Manhattan (Will Co) (CMA); 22 Apr (2), CarlL-C (DMK).

Cedar Waxwing (1st passage)
EA: 11 Mar (24), New Athens (TJD); 13 Mar (4), JP (PRC). **MC**: 75, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 23 Mar (KAM); 46, Kankakee, 23 Mar (JBH).

Cedar Waxwing (2nd passage)
EA: 3 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 5 May (3), JP (RLS et al.); 8 May, LCal (WJM). **MC**: 113, JP, 15 May (PRC); 100, StarvedRock, 17 May (BC); 48, LeVasseurP, 25 May (JBH); 42, ClinL, 4 May (MEF); 40, CarlL-C, 8 May (DMK); 36, Montrose, 6 May (GAW, CLW); 30, MermetL, 4 May (EWW).

Lapland Longspur
MC: 254, MomenceSod, 10 Apr (JBH); 90, WhisperingWillows, 7 Mar (JBH). **LD**: 28 Apr (3), MomenceSod (JBH).

Smith's Longspur. Chenoa, McLean County. 10 April 2012. Photo by Mark Bowman.

Smith's Longspur
EA: 18 Mar, *Richland* (CLH); 18 Mar, see below; 19 Mar, *Jasper* (CLH, RES). **MC**: 80, near SpringL, 18 Mar (JIE); 25, *McLean*, 8 Apr (DBJ); 12, PrRdg, 2 Apr (KAM); 4, *Jasper*, 21 Mar (CLH). **LD**: 6 May (4), *Ogle* & *Winnebago* (LGB, BCW, DTW); 22 Apr (3), MomenceSod (JBH); 22 Apr (2), Sibley Grasslands (Ford Co) (EWW). **Others**: *Tazewell* (6), 25 Mar (TH, MJW).
Remarks: "Hard to find since farmers were in fields early" (CLH).

Ovenbird
EA: 15 Apr, Bloomington (TEB); 15 Apr, Fabyan FP (Kane Co) (SAC); 20 Apr, GrantP (DFS); 22 Apr, MomenceWet (JBH); 22 Apr, *Fulton* (KBR); 24 Apr, *Monroe* (C&PD). **MC**: 13, JP, 5 May (RLS et al.); 10, *Clinton*, 5 May (KAM); 9, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 9, LCal, 5 May (WJM, SBB); 8, *Sangamon*, 1 May (HDB); 5, Kankakee R SP (Will Co), 30 May (JBH); 5, *Union*, 5 May (SDB). **LD**: 1 Jun, IIT Campus (Chi) (GAW); 28 May, JP (AAA); 19 May (2), Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co) (DMK); 16 May, Spfld (HDB).
Remarks: "Scarce at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: only 22 banded this spring in contrast to an average of 48 banded per spring from 2009 through 2011" (VMK).

Worm-eating Warbler
EA: 6 Apr, Pomona (KAM); 14 Apr, *Richland* (CLH); 15 Apr, *Hancock* (AMR); 17 Apr, Ft. Massac (KAM); 29 Apr, Aurora (Kane Co) (VLa). **MC**: 28, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 4, Forbes SP (Marion Co), 3 May (CLH); 4, Pomona, 25 Apr (KAM); 4, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT). **LD**: 6 May, LaBagh Wds FP (Chi) (KKM).

Louisiana Waterthrush
EA: 14 Mar, Pine Hills (Union Co) (KAM); 19 Mar, Giant City SP (Jackson/Union Cos) (VL fide RSR); 1 Apr, Urbana (MM-L); 7 Apr, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 8 Apr, Palos (BAS); 15 Apr, Fabyan FP (Kane Co) (SAC); 16 Apr, Sangchris (HDB). **MC**: 16, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 14, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 13, Pomona, 14 Apr (KAM); 10, White Rock NP (Monroe Co), 5 May (C&PD).

Northern Waterthrush
EA: 16 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 16 Apr, Sangchris (HDB); 17 Apr, *Pulaski* (KAM); 17 Apr, GrassySI Preserve (Johnson Co) (KAM); 18 Apr (2), NoP (NPBW); 19 Apr, LCal (WJM). **MC**: 23, LCal, 5 May (WJM, SBB); 17, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 14, JP, 4 May (HC); 11, *Clinton*, 5 May (KAM). **LD**: 28 May, New Salem SP (Menard Co) (BG); 27 May, JP (RLS); 27 May, Douglas P (Chi) (EDG); 26 May, LincP (GAW); 18 May, *Kankakee* (DFS); 17 May, Spfld (HDB); 11 May, MermetL (KAM).
Remarks: "Scarce at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: only four banded this spring in contrast to an average of 55 banded per spring from 2009 through 2011" (VMK).

Golden-winged Warbler
EA: 23 Apr, Urbana (MM-L et al.); 26 Apr, *Putnam* (DFS); 28 Apr, *Jackson* (KAM, DMK); 28 Apr, Quincy Bay (AMR); 1 May (banded), Adams Wildlife Sanctuary (VMK); 2 May, se. Illinois (CLH). **MC**: 5, Salt Crk Wds FP (Cook Co), 6 May (DFS); 4, Palos, 5 May (WSS, CDH); 3, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV). **LD**: 29 May, Montrose (GAW, CLW); 25 May (♀), River Forest (Cook Co) (JSA, DJA); 8 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 8 May, *Sangamon* (HDB).

Blue-winged Warbler
EA: 14 Apr, Pomona (KAM); 20 Apr, Spfld

(HDB); 21 Apr, *Knox* (DJM); 21 Apr (♪♂), BuseyWds (GSL et al.); 23 Apr (banded), Adams Wildlife Sanctuary (VMK); 26 Apr, Humboldt P (Chi) (DKA); 26 Apr, *Putnam* (DFS). **MC**: 8, GreeneVal, 5 May (JAS); 6, Pomona, 25 Apr (KAM); 4, CarlL-C, 29 Apr (DMK). **LD**: 14 May, JP (YJ); 7 May, Spfld (HDB).

Black-and-white Warbler

EA: 21 Mar, Spfld (HDB); 25 Mar (2), Ft. Massac (KAM); 29 Mar, New Columbia (Massac Co) (FKB); 29 Mar, L&D 13 (DTW); 21 Apr (4), Montrose (GAW); 21 Apr, BuseyWds (GSL et al.); 22 Apr, *DeKalb* (NB); 23 Apr, Urbana (MM-L et al.). **MC**: 11, JP, 5 May (RLS et al.); 10, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 6, CarlL-C, 29 Apr (DMK); 6, Montrose, 6 May (GAW, CLW). **LD**: 30 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 29 May, LincP (JIE); 28 May (♂), JP (PRC, AAA); 25 May, Spfld (HDB); 20 May, *Pope* (JV, RSR, et al.).

Remarks: "Absent from Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: none banded this spring in contrast to an average of 12 banded per spring from 2009 through 2011" (VMK).

Hooded Warbler singing. Montrose, Chicago, Cook County. 5 May 2012. Photo by Bonnie Duman.

Prothonotary Warbler

EA: 6 Apr, *Johnson* (KAM); 9 Apr, MermetL (KAM); 22 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 25 Apr, Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co) (ELK); 1 May, JP (RLS); 1 May, ButlerL (Lake Co) (BJS, NM). **MC**: 24, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 14, MermetL, 26 Apr (KAM); 10, CarlL-C, 20 May (DMK); 8, MomenceWet, 22 May (JBH). **LD**: 28 May, JP (AAA); 7 May, Montrose (MF).

Others: L&D 13 (2♂), 19 May (EWW); Thomson Point (Carroll Co) (2♂), 19 May (EWW).

Tennessee Warbler

EA: 6 Apr, New Columbia (Massac Co) (FKB); 17 Apr, Ft. Massac (KAM); 21 Apr, BuseyWds (GSL); 25 Apr, Humboldt P (Chi) (SBB); 26 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 29 Apr, Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co) (LP et al.). **MC**: 55, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 46, Palos, 5 May (WSS); 40, Urbana (Crystal Lake P), 10 May (GSL); 36, Palos, 5 May (WSS, CDH); 35 Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV); 30, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 23, White Rock NP (Monroe Co) & NOND, 5 May (C&PD). **LD**: 6 Jun, Chi (RLS); 28 May (2), JP (AAA); 28 May, LCal (DFS); 26 May, ESTL (DMK).

Orange-crowned Warbler

EA: 25 Feb (likely an overwintering bird), se. Illinois (CLH); 31 Mar, Ft. Massac (KAM); 4 Apr (banded), Adams Wildlife Sanctuary (VMK); 5 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 7 Apr, Urbana (MM-L); 10 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 15 Apr, Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co) (DFS); 17 Apr, Montrose (LGM). **MC**: 5, Douglas P (Chi), 19 Apr (NLB); 4, Spring Valley Nature Sanctuary (Cook Co), 20 Apr (SAC); 3, Deer Grove East FP (Cook Co), 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV). **LD**: 21 May, NoP (JIN); 15 May (banded), Adams Wildlife Sanctuary (VMK); 29 Apr (2), BuseyWds (BWBW); 29 Apr (2), CarlL-C (DMK).

Nashville Warbler

EA: 17 Apr (2), Ft. Massac (KAM); 19 Apr (2), JP (RLS); 20 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 20 Apr, Ryerson (BJS); 25 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 25 Apr (2), LeVasseurP (JBH). **MC**: 30, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 25, Palos, 5 May (WSS, CDH); 21, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV); 10, BuseyWds, 6 May (BWBW); 8, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT). **LD**: 28 May (4), JP (AAA); 27 May, Montrose (LGM); 25 May, Bloomington (TH); 17 May (3), Spfld (HDB); 15 May, Cypress Crk NWR (Union Co) (MM-L); 14 May, CarlL-C (KAM).

Remarks: "Scarce at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: only 25 banded this spring in contrast to an average of 41 banded per spring from 2009 through 2011" (VMK).

Connecticut Warbler

EA: 8 May, BuseyWds (THc); 11 May, Crawford Co CA (CLH); 11 May (♪♂), LCal (WJM); 12 May, JP (RLS, NB); 15 May, Spfld (HDB); 15 May, Bloomington (APC). **MC**: 2 (banded), Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 24 May (VMK). **LD**: 2 Jun (♪♂), LCal (WJM); 2 Jun, CBG (MHg); 1Jun, GrantP (DFS); 27 May, Montrose (SBB, LGM, MD, FRM); 24 May (VMK), see above. **Others:** 19 May, *Schuyler* (KBR).

Mourning Warbler

EA: 5 May, Montrose (DKA, TFK); 5 May, *Kane* (SAC); 6 May, se. Illinois (CLH); 9 May (♂), Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 4, Spfld, see below; 4, LincP, 26 May (GAW); 4, Douglas P (Chi), 27 May (EDG). **LD**: 10 Jun (♀), Montrose (LGM); 7 Jun, Palos (RLS, JRRS); 5 Jun (♪♂), IBSP (No. Unit) (BJS); 5 Jun (♀), Chi (DFS); 2 Jun (♂), JP (NG:ph et al.); 24 May (4), Spfld (HDB).

Remarks: "Five banded at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary this spring, 16-24 May" (VMK).

Kentucky Warbler

EA: 14 Apr, *Jackson* (KAM); 18 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 22 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 26 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 4 May, LeVasseurP (JBH); 5 May (2), *Bureau* (DEW). **MC**: 69, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 20, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 16, Pomona, 11 May (KAM); 9, White Rock NP (Monroe Co), 5 May (C&PD); 4, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co), 19 May (DMK). **LD**: 20 May, Ryerson (MHy).

Remarks: "Absent from Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: none banded this spring in contrast to an average of 6 banded per spring from 2009 through 2011" (VMK).

Common Yellowthroat

EA: 6 Apr, *Jackson* (KAM); 15 Apr, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 15 Apr, BuseyWds (BWBW); 18 Apr, GrantP (NLB); 19 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 21 Apr, *Moultrie* (TAM); 22 Apr, Douglas P (Chi) (TAM). **MC**: 109, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 73, HennepinL, 11 May (DFS); 69, LCal, 5 May (WJM, SBB); 50, IBSP, 17 May (EWW); 32, JP, 5 May (RLS et al.).

Cape May Warbler. North Pond, Chicago, Cook County. 16 May 2012. Photo by Jackie Bowman.

Hooded Warbler

EA: 12 Apr, *Jackson* (KAM); 20 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 26 Apr, Quincy Bay (AMR); 30 Apr (♂), Crystal Lake P, Champaign (MR); 2 May, NoP (NPBW); 3 May, Montrose (SF). **MC**: 15, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 4-5, Swallow Cliff FP (Cook Co), 31 May (WSS, SF); 3, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV); 3, *Jackson*, 11 May (KAM). **LD**: 28 May, LCal (DFS); 20 May (♪♂), Ryerson (SDB, SLD).

Ameriean Redstart

EA: 17 Apr, Pomona (KAM); 24 Apr, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 30 Apr, Urbana (RK); 1 May, Spfld (HDB); 1 May, MomenceWet (JBH); 2 May (♀), JP (PRC); 2 May, LCal (WJM); 2 May, Ridott (Stephenson Co) (DTW, BCW); 2 May, NoP (NPBW). **MC**: 43, JP, 12 May (RLS); 31, *Clinton*, 5 May (KAM); 30, Pomona, 11 May (KAM); 28, LincP, 13 May (GAW, CLW); 20, CarlL-C, 5 May (DMK). **LD**: 13 Jun, Montrose (SBB); 8 Jun (imm ♂), LincP (LGM); 5 Jun, Chi (DFS); 26 May (♀), Spfld (HDB).

Remarks: "Scarce at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: only four banded this spring in contrast to an average of 28 banded per spring from 2009 through 2011" (VMK).

Cape May Warbler

EA: 29 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 29 Apr, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 30 Apr (2), Crystal Lake P, Champaign (MR); 30 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 3 May, Buckley (Iroquois Co) (EWW); 4 May, Montrose (JNN); 4 May, Kankakee (JBH); 4 May, Burnham P (Chi) (BMW). **MC**: 11, Palos, 5 May (WSS, CDH); 10, JP, 12 May (NB); 10, Urbana (Crystal

Lake P), 10 May (GSL); 3, Kankakee, 6 May (JBH); 3, Montrose, 6 May (GAW, CLW); 3, NoP, 16 May (NPBW). **LD**: 22 May, NoP (JIN); 19 May, LaBagh Wds FP (Chi) (GAW et al.); 17 May, *Woodford* (TH); 16 May, Kankakee (JBH); 8 May, CarlL-C (DMK).

Cerulean Warbler

EA: 17 Apr (2), Pomona (KAM); 25 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 26 Apr, Miller-Anderson Wds State NP (Bureau Co) (MAM); 30 Apr, Bloomington (MJW); 1 May (2), Montrose (KH, ABB, JNN, JP:ph). **MC**: 6, Pomona, 27 Apr (KAM); 5, MissPalis, 19 May (EWW); 4, Ramsey L SP (Fayette Co), 19 May (DMK); 3, White Rock NP (Monroe Co), 5 May (C&PD); 3, RockCut, 17 May (DTW); 3, *Jackson*, 19 May (CLH, VMK et al.); 2-3, Montrose (WSS, SF); 2, Beall Wds, 6 May (CLH). **LD**: 27 May, Montrose (JIE, FRM); 18 May, Spfld (HDB).

Northern Parula

EA: 21 Mar, Urbana (TK); 26 Mar, Quincy Bay (AGD); 29 Mar, Pomona (RSR); 31 Mar (4), CarlL-C (DMK); 31 Mar (4), Ft. Massac (KAM); 1 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 8 Apr, Illini SP (La Salle Co) (JAS). **MC**: 62, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 26, Pomona, 14 Apr (KAM); 24, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 18, *Alexander*, 25 Apr (KAM); 17, Ft. Massac, 17 Apr (KAM); 14, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV); 8, BuseyWds, 6 May (BWBW). **LD**: 27 May, Montrose (JIE, LGM, m.ob.).

Cerulean Warbler. Rock Cut State Park, Winnebago County. 19 May 2012. Photo by Jackie Bowman.

Magnolia Warbler

EA: 24 Apr, *Pope* (CAT); 26 Apr, JP (HC); 28 Apr, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co) (MM-L et al.); 30 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 1 May, Spfld (HDB); 2 May (2), NoP (NPBW); 2 May, Montrose (DKA). **MC**: 30, JP, 12 May (NB); 22, LincP, 13 May (GAW, CLW); 10, *Clinton*, 5 May (KAM); 9, Urbana (Crystal Lake P), 10 May (GSL); 8, *Sangamon*, 14 May (HDB). **LD**: 17 Jun (1st spring ♀), Montrose (GAW, CLW); 30 May (♂), Spfld (HDB); 28 May, JP (AAA); 25 May, Bloomington (TH); 19 May, Pope (JV, RSR, et al.).

Remarks: "Very scarce at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: only five banded this spring in contrast to an average of 59 banded per spring from 2009 through 2011" (VMK).

Bay-breasted Warbler

EA: 29 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 1 May, *Lawrence* (MSS); 2 May, Rckfd (DTW, BCW); 2 May, NoP (NPBW); 3 May, Spfld (HDB); 4 May, ClinL (MEF); Urbana (Crystal Lake P), 4 May (GSL). **MC**: 8, JP, 12 May (NB); 8, Urbana (Crystal Lake P), 10 May (GSL); 4, LincP, 13 May (GAW, CLW). **LD**: 28 May, LCal (DFS); 27 May, GrantP (CBT); 18 May, Spfld (HDB); 18 May, *Kankakee* (DFS); 15 May, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co) (MM-L); 12 May (2), CarlL-C (DMK); 12 May, *Pulaski* (KAM).

Blackburnian Warbler

EA: 27 Apr, Giant City SP (Jackson/Union Cos) (KAM); 28 Apr, Lake of Egypt, SNF (Johnson Co) (SDB, CAT); 30 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 30 Apr, Bloomington (MJW); 30 Apr (2), Urbana (Crystal Lake P) (MR); 1 May, JP (RLS); 2 May, LCal (WJM). **MC**: 6, LincP, 10 May (JIE); 3, IBSP, 18 May (EWW); 3, JP, 19 May (RLS); 3, LincP, 20 May (GAW, NG). **LD**: 12 Jun, Northbrook (Cook Co) (AR); 8 Jun, Montrose (SJH); 28 May, LCal (DFS); 28 May, JP (AAA); 28 May, Montrose (GAW); 25 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 23 May, Bloomington (RGH); 19 May, Spfld (HDB); 19 May, Cache R SNA (Johnson Co) (MM-L).

Yellow Warbler

EA: 17 Apr, Metropolis & MermetL (Massac Co) (KAM); 21 Apr, *Knox* (DJM); 21 Apr, *Moultrie* (TAM); 21 Apr, GreeneVal (JAS); 22 Apr (♂), JP (PRC et al.). **MC**: 129, LCal, 5 May (WJM, SBB); 40, CarlL-C, 5 May (DMK); 37, IBSP, 17 May (EWW); 32, GreeneVal, 5 May (JAS); 23, JP, 5 May (RLS et al.); 12, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT).

Chestnut-sided Warbler

EA: 28 Apr (5), Siloam Springs SP (Adams Co) (CD); 30 Apr, Kankakee (JBH); 1 May, Spfld (HDB); 1 May (♂), JP (PRC); 2 May, se. Illinois (CLH); 2 May, NoP (NPBW); 2 May (4), Rckfd (DTW, BCW). **MC**: 15, JP, 12 May (NB); 8, Montrose, 3 May (SF); 8, LincP, 13 May (GAW, CLW); 6, Urbana (Crystal Lake P), 10 May (GSL). **LD**: 3 Jun (2), Chi (EDG); 28 May, Montrose (GAW); 25 May, LeVasseurP (JBH); 25 May, Hickory Crk FP (Will Co) (KAM); 18 May (♀), Spfld (HDB); 15 May, Cypress Crk NWR (Union Co) (MM-L).

Remarks: "Very scarce at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: only one banded this spring in contrast to an average of 13 banded per spring from 2009 through 2011" (VMK).

Blackpoll Warbler

EA: 26 Apr, Evanston (Cook Co) (MC); 28 Apr, Carbondale (Jackson Co) (KAM, DMK); 29 Apr (2), HL (FRH); 30 Apr (2), Spfld (HDB, KB); 30 Apr, Rckfd (BCW); 30 Apr, Humboldt P (Chi) (SBB). **MC**: 36, LincP, 20 May (GAW, NG); 20, CarlL-C, 12 May (DMK); 20, JP, 12 May (NB); 16, NoP, 16 & 23 May (NPBW); 15, *Sangamon*, 13 May (HDB); 10, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 7, ShabbonaL, 15 May (DJS). **LD**: 17 Jun (♀), StarvedRock (NB); 11 Jun (♀), LincP (GAW, CLW, NG); 4 Jun (ad ♂), LCal (WJM, SBB); 3 Jun, Montrose (RDH); 1 Jun, COLSP (BJS); 20 May, HL (FRH); 19 May, *Tazewell* (DHr); 19 May (2), CarlL-C (DMK).

Black-throated Blue Warbler

EA: 2 May, *Kane* (EES); 2 May, NoP (JIN); 3 May, Urbana (U of I Forestry) (DS); 4 May, Evanston (Cook Co) (MC). **MC**: 3, JP, 5 May (*fide* PRC); 3, Montrose, 11 May (FRM, MC). **LD**: 25 May, NoP (JIN); 22 May, GrantP (JDW, JIE, DEW); 12 May (♂), Ft. Massac (KAM).

Palm Warbler

EA: 1 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 1 Apr, Urbana (MM-L); 1 Apr, Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co) (DFS); 2 Apr, Pecatonica (DTW); 6 Apr, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 16 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 19 Apr, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH). **MC**: 150, CarlL-C, 29 Apr (DMK); 102, LCal, 5 May (WJM, SBB); 78, JP, 5 May (*fide* PRC); 68, *nw. Cook*, 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV); 37, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 25, BuseyWds, 29 Apr (BWBW); 18, *Sangamon*, 4 May (HDB); 9, MermetL, 28 Apr (KAM); 6, LeVasseurP, 4 May (JBH). **LD**: 8 Jun, Spring Crk Valley FP (Cook Co) (AFS); 25 May (2), NoP (JIN); 22 May, Montrose (JWL); 17 May, Spfld (HDB); 14 May, *Woodford* (TH); 8 May (12), CarlL-C (DMK).

Remarks: "Scarce at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: only six banded this spring in contrast to an average of 16 banded per spring from 2009 through 2011" (VMK).

Pine Warbler

EA: 3 Mar (if not an overwintering record), CONWR (WDR); 4 Mar (♂), Spfld (HDB); 11 Mar (♂), JP, record early for site (PRC); 12 Mar (3), DYNL (JJD); 14 Mar, Ft. Kaskaskia SP (Randolph Co) (KAM); 15 Mar, Ramsey SP (Fayette Co) (CLH); 18 Mar, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co) (JIE:ph). **MC**: 8, Douglas P (Chi), 21 Apr (EDG); 5, Lincoln Trail SP (Clark Co), 5 Apr (CAT); 5, Lake of Egypt, SNF (Johnson Co), 27 Apr (SDB, CAT); 4 (3 ♂, ♀), JP, 25 Apr (PRC); 3, Rckfd, 17 Apr (DTW, BCW). **LD**: 8 May, NoP (JIN); 7 May, Humboldt P (Chi) (SBB); 6 May (♂&♀), JP (PRC); 22 Apr, BuseyWds (BWBW).

Yellow-rumped Warbler

EA: 7 Mar (4), *Kane* (JJD); 8 Mar, Evanston (Cook Co) (MC); 11 Mar, CarlL-C (DMK); 12 Mar (several), Urbana (U of I Forestry) (GR); 12 Mar, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM); 17 Mar (3), Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 600, CarlL-C, 29 Apr (DMK); 190, JP, 28 Apr (CAM et al.); 136, *nw. Cook*, 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV); 125, BuseyWds, 29 Apr (BWBW); 117, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 73, LCal, 5 May (WJM, SBB); 39, *Sangamon*, 1 May (HDB); 30, McClaughry Springs FP (Cook Co), 20 Mar (WSS); 28, BraidwoodL, 30 Apr (JBH). **LD**: 22 May, Eggers Wds FP (Chi) (DFS); 20 May, Montrose (RDH); 16 May, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 15 May, Spfld (HDB); 14

May, CarlL (KAM); 12 May, HL (FRH). **Other**: Spfld (partial albino), 2 Apr (HDB:ph).

Remarks: "Scarce at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: only four banded this spring in contrast to an average of 22 banded per spring from 2009 through 2011" (VMK).

Yellow-throated Warbler

EA: 24 Mar, Pere Marquette SP (Jersey Co) (CD); 25 Mar (2), Ft. Massac (KAM); 25 Mar, *Hancock* (ARM); 1 Apr, BuseyWds (BWBW); 3 Apr, RockCut (DTW, BCW); 6 Apr, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 6 Apr, *Lee* (DTW). **MC**: 20, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 11, Pomona, 14 Apr (KAM); 6, *Alexander*, 25 Apr (KAM); 5, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 4, Urbana (Crystal Lake P), 10 May (GSL); 3, CarlL-C, 7 Apr (DMK); 3, MissPalis, 19 May (EWW). **LD**: 19 May, NoP (JIN).

Prairie Warbler

EA: 14 Apr, Heron Pond (KAM); 17 Apr, GrassySl Preserve (Johnson Co) (KAM); 21 Apr, SongbirdSl FP (DuPage Co) (ABA); 25 Apr (4), Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co) (ELK); 2 May, *Kane* (EES). **MC**: 33, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 12, Heron Pond, 26 Apr (KAM); 7, GrassySl Preserve (Johnson Co), 17 Apr (KAM). **LD**: 23 May, Spfld (HDB). **Others**: Lyons Wds FP (Lake Co), 4 May (PWS); IBSP, 5 May (AFS et al.); *Putnam* (3), 5 May (DFS); Lake of the Woods FP (Champaign Co), 5 May (GSL:ph, RK).

Black-throated Green Warbler

EA: 29 Mar, New Columbia (Massac Co) (FKB); 1 Apr, Urbana (MM-L); 15 Apr, Rainbow P (Chi) (GAW, CLW, NG); 15 Apr, Fabyan FP (Kane Co) (SAC); 17 Apr (2), Ft. Massac (KAM); 26 Apr, Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 17, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV); 16, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 10, CarlL-C, 29 Apr (DMK); 9, JP, 5 May (RLS et al.); 8, BuseyWds, 29 Apr (BWBW); 8, *Clinton*, 5 May (KAM). **LD**: 8 Jun, Chi (DFS); 3 Jun, MissPalis (JIE); 30 May, NoP (NPBW); 25 May, Spfld (HDB); 18 May, *Kankakee* (DFS); 11 May, Cypress Crk NWR (Union Co) (MM-L).

Canada Warbler

EA: 5 May, LeVasseurP (JBH); 6 May, Montrose (GAW, CLW); 8 May, Spfld (HDB); 9 May (2), GrantP (PL). **MC**: 6, JP, 12 May (NB); 5, Montrose, 18 May (JIE); 3, NoP, 23 May (NPBW). **LD**: 7 Jun, Spfld (HDB); 3 Jun, Chi (EDG); 29 May, GrantP (DFS); 28 May (2), JP (AAA, PRC); 28 May, Montrose (LGM); 25 May, Bloomington (TH); 19 May, War Bluff Sanctuary (Pope Co) (JV).

Remarks: "Scarce at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: only four banded this spring in contrast to an average of 16 banded per spring from 2009 through 2011" (VMK).

Wilson's Warbler

EA: 1 May, JP (HC); 2 May, ButlerL (Lake Co) (BJS); 3 May, HL (FRH); 3 May, Montrose (SF); 4 May, Spfld (HDB); 4 May, LeVasseurP (JBH); 5 May (4), CarlL-C (DMK). **MC**: 25, Montrose, 20 May (JIE); 14, JP, 19 May (RLS); 11, LincP, 13 May (GAW, CLW); 9, Calumet P (Chi), 19 May (DFS). **LD**: 8 Jun (2 ♂), Montrose (RDH); 8 Jun (♂), NoP (SJH); 5 Jun (♂), Montrose (SBB); 2 Jun, JP (JIE, NG); 1 Jun, GrantP (DFS); 25 May, Spfld (HDB); 25 May, LeVasseurP (JBH); 20 May (2), CarlL-F (DMK).

Remarks: "12 banded Adams Wildlife Sanctuary from 9-24 May" (VMK).

Yellow-breasted Chat

EA: 17 Apr, GrassySl Preserve (Johnson Co) (KAM); 21 Apr, Oakwood Btms (KAM); 28 Apr (2), *Sangamon* (HDB); 29 Apr, HL (FRH); 4 May, LeVasseurP (JBH); 5 May, JP (RLS); 5 May, *Bureau* (DFS). **MC**: 23, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 11, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 8, *Clinton*, 5 May (KAM); 6, *Sangamon*, 5 May (HDB); 6, RendL, 12 May (KAM); 4, CarlL-C, 30 May (DMK). **LD**: 25 May, LincP (LGM, JHP).

Eastern Towhee

EA: 8 Mar, CarlL-B (DMK); 9 Mar, Sangchris (HDB); 10 Mar (9), Ft. Massac (KAM); 10 Mar, LCal (WJM); 12 Mar (2), MeadbrkPk & U of I Forestry (GR); 16 Mar, GrecneVal (JAS). **MC**: 31, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 20, CarlL-C, 9 Apr (DMK); 16, IBSP, 17 May (EWW); 13, ClinL, 4 May (MEF); 11, CONWR, 27 Apr (KAM); 7, RockCut, 24 Mar (DTW); 7, Mskoda, 17 Apr (JBH); 6 (3 ♂, 3 ♀), JP, 5 May (RLS et al.). **LD**: 26 May, JP (JNN).

American Tree Sparrow

MC: 121, GLPSNA, 3 Mar (CAT); 65, HennepinL, 4 Mar (BC); 62, LCal, 1 Mar (WJM); 35, Chi lakefront parks, 11 Mar (GAW, CLW); 25, IBSP, 4 Mar (EWW); 14, LeVasseurP, 6 Mar (JBH); 13, JP, 14 Mar (PRC). **LD**: 10 May, GrantP (JIE); 30 Apr, Lockport Pr (Will Co) (ASA); 5 Apr, WhisperingWillows (JBH); 11 Mar (12), CarlL-C (DMK); 4 Mar, HL (FRH).

Chipping Sparrow

EA: 10 Mar, MBC (MEF); 11 Mar, se. Illinois (CLH); 14 Mar, Ft. Kaskaskia SP (Randolph Co) (KAM); 15 Mar, Humboldt P (Chi) (SBB); 15 Mar, Montrose (SBB); 18 Mar (2), CarlL-C (DMK); 18 Mar, Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 47, Chi lakefront parks, 15 Apr (GAW, CLW, NG); 33, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 30, CarlL-C, 1 Apr (DMK); 27, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 15, IBSP, 17 May (EWW); 14, Ft. Massac, 25 Mar (KAM); 13, JP, 5 May (RLS et al.). **LD**: 13 May (2), LincP (GAW, CLW); 6 May, JP (PRC) (last discernible migrant at site).

Clay-colored Sparrow

EA: 22 Apr, HennepinL (SAC, MC); 25 Apr, Fermi (JAS); 28 Apr, Sangchris (HDB); 29 Apr, GLPSNA (AFS, RE); 5 May, Minonk Nature Trail (Woodford Co) (TH). **MC**: 4, *ne. Lake*, 5 May (JSS, BJS); 2, Northerly1 (Chi), 2 May (DFS); 2, Ft Sheridan FP (Lake Co), 4 May (BD); 2, Springbrook Pr FP (DuPage Co), 25 May (KAM). **LD**: 6 Jun, Montrose (RDH); 18 May (2), Montrose (JIE); 13 May, NoP (JIN); 12 May, JP (RLS, NB); 10 May, Sangchris (HDB); 9 May, NoP (NPBW).

Field Sparrow

EA: 6 Mar, JP (RD); 10 Mar (6), Ft. Massac (KAM); 10 Mar (2), CarlL-C (DMK); 12 Mar (2), Spfld (HDB); 12 Mar, Columbus P (Chi) (SBB); 15 Mar, Mskoda (JBH). **MC**: 36, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 30, CarlL-C, 25 Mar (DMK); 30, Matthiessen SP (LaSalle Co), 15 Apr (BC); 29, MBC, 6 May (MEF); 29, IBSP, 17 May (EWW); 23, GreeneVal, 5 May (JAS); 19, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 10, Mskoda, 2 May (JBH). **LD**: 29 May, JP (MD); 26 May, LincP (GAW).

Vesper Sparrow

EA: 11 Mar, Montrose (ABB); 12 Mar (2), Quincy Bay (AGD); 16 Mar, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 17 Mar, CarlL-C (DMK); 17 Mar, WhisperingWillows (JBH); 19 Mar, Ft. Massac (KAM); 21 Mar (2), *Sangamon* (HDB). **MC**: 15, *Kendall*, 14 Apr (DFS); 4, CarlL-C, 25 Mar (DMK); 4, *e. Grundy*, 28 Mar (JBH). **LD**: 4 May, Montrose (KBs); 2 May, Humboldt P (Chi) (SBB); 21 Apr, HL (FRH); 31 Mar (2), CarlL-C (DMK).

Lark Sparrow

EA: 9 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 9 Apr, Avon (Fulton Co) (LLH); 15 Apr, Montrose (JRS, LGM, m.ob.); 17 Apr, Mskoda (JBH); 20 Apr, Spring Valley NC (Cook Co) (SAC); 21 Apr, *Sangamon* (HDB). **MC**: 11, Nachusa, 8 May (JWW, CC); 4, Mskoda, 2 May (JBH); 4, LostMound, 19 May (EWW). **LD**: 19 May, Pomona (VMK, CLH et al.); 11 May, *Union* (KAM); 7 May, Montrose (MD); 29 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK). **Others**: 17-20 May, IBSP (EWW).

Savannah Sparrow

EA: 2 Mar, Sangchris (HDB); 4 Mar, HL (FRH); 4 Mar, RollinsSav (BJS); 8 Mar (4), CarlL-C (DMK); 9 Mar, Montrose (DKA); 11 Mar (2), WhisperingWillows (JBH). **MC**: 85, Chi lakefront parks, 15 Apr (GAW, CLW, NG); 50+, Orland Grasslands (Cook Co), 1 May (WSS); 37, *Union*, 5 May (VMK); 18, Bellrose Rsv, 31 Mar (KAM); 13, *Monroe*, 14 Mar (KAM); 9, JP, 1 Apr (PRC); 8, WhisperingWillows, 5 May (JBH). **LD**: 27 May, Montrose (MD); 25 May, LeVasseurP (JBH); 19 May (2), JP (RLS); 19 May, LaBagh Wds FP (Chi) (GAW et al.); 18 May, CarlL-F (DMK); 17 May (2), *Sangamon* (HDB).

Grasshopper Sparrow

EA: 14 Mar, Montrose (JIE:ph); 17 Mar, Montrose (GAW); 17 Apr (3), Miller City (Alexander Co) (KAM); 17 Apr, Mskoda (JBH); 22 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 25 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 29 Apr, *nw. Winnebago* (DTW, LGB). **MC**: 17, LostMound, 19 May (EWW); 7, Midewin, 12 May (JAS); 4, CarlL-C, 5 May (DMK); 4, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 3, Mskoda, 5 May (JBH). **LD**: 27 May, Hillside (Cook Co) (DFS); 22 May, Sangchris (HDB); 12 May, LincP (NLB, JB, JDW, NG).

Henslow's Sparrow

EA: 21 Mar (8-10), PrRdg-M (CLH); 22 Mar, Northerly1 (Chi) (JIE:ph); 25 Mar (3), *Johnson* (KAM); 6 Apr (2), GLPSNA (AFS, RE, MLT); 9 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 14 Apr, Montrose (NM); 14 Apr, ClinL (MEF). **MC**: 28, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 14, PrRdg-J, 6 Apr (JWW); 11, Orland Grasslands (Cook Co), 1 May (WSS); 11, Johnson-Sauk Trail SP (Henry

Co), 18 May (EWW); 6, GrassySl Preserve (Johnson Co), 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 5, Matthiessen SP (LaSalle Co), 22 Apr (BC). **LD**: 2 May, Northerlyl (Chi) (DFS). **Others**: Ryerson (2♪♂), 20 May (SDB, SLD); Adams Wildlife Sanctuary (banded), 24 May (VMK).

Le Conte's Sparrow

EA: 4 Mar (3), RendL-F (WDR); 13 Mar, Sangchris (HDB); 19-20 Mar, NoP (JIN, SJH); 23 Mar (4), *Richland* (CLH); 26 Mar, *Edwards* (RES). **MC**: 4, ClinL, 16 Apr (MEF, IOS); 4, PrRdg-J, 23 Apr (JWW, ELK, DJO, WEL); 4, PrRdg-M, 24 Apr (JWW, ELK, DJO, WEL). **LD**: 12 May, LincP (LGM); 7 May, Montrose (DKA); 4 May (3), Urbana (Weaver P) (GSL); 2 May, PrRdg-J (CLH); 29 Apr, CarlL-F (DMK); 24 Apr, Ten Mile Crk SFWA (Jefferson Co) (CLH, RES); 23 Apr, Quincy Bay (AMR).

Nelson's Sparrow

EA: 14 May, *Shelby* (TAM, TDF, EGn); 16 May, PrRdg-M (CLH); 20 May, NoP (GAW, NG:ph); 20 May, Montrose (RDH, m.ob.). **LD**: 4 Jun, PrRdg-M (CLH); 27 May, Northerlyl (Chi) (MH); 26 May, NoP (SJH); 25 May, Montrose (MD, JWL).

Fox Sparrow

EA: 2 Mar, Normal (McLean Co) (APC); 2 Mar (3), Urbana & 2 Mar (2), Champaign (GR & RK resp); 4 Mar, LeVasseurP (JBH); 6 Mar, JP (RD); 6 Mar, CarlL (KAM); 7 Mar (6), Montrose (MD); 7 Mar (4), Ryerson (EWW); 10 Mar, LCal (WJM); 11 Mar, HL (FRH). **MC**: 48, Montrose, 19 Mar (JNN); 29, JP, 20 Mar (PRC); 12, CarlL-C, 10 Mar (DMK); 5, WhisperingWillows, 19 Mar (JBH). **LD**: 16 Apr, Wolf Road Pr (Cook Co) (DFS); 9 Apr, Montrose (MD); 8 Apr (2), JP (PRC); 27 Mar (banded), Adams Wildlife Sanctuary (VMK); 21 Mar, Kankakee (JBH); 19 Mar, CarlL (KAM).

Remarks: "Scarce at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: only one banded this spring in contrast to an average of eight banded per spring from 2009 through 2011" (VMK).

Song Sparrow

EA: 28 Feb, JP (PRC); 2 Mar, Montrose (DKA); 4 Mar (3), IBSP (EWW). **MC**: 140, Chi lakefront parks, 11 Mar (GAW, CLW); 95, GrantP, 15 Mar (DEW); 71, LCal, 5 May (WJM, SBB); 49, JP, 14 Mar (PRC); 40, *Clinton*, 5 May (KAM); 26, HennepinL, 18 Mar (BC); 23, Mskoda, 15 Mar (JBH); 21, Rochelle (Ogle Co), 21 Mar (DTW).

Remarks: "Scarce at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: only seven banded this spring in contrast to an average of 18 banded per spring from 2009 through 2011" (VMK).

Lincoln's Sparrow

EA: 14 Apr, *Kendall* (DFS); 14 Apr, Humboldt P (Chi) (SBB); 14 Apr, GrantP (CBT); 15 Apr, BuseyWds (BWBW); 22 Apr, *Hamilton* (CAT, MSS); 28 Apr (banded), Adams Wildlife Sanctuary (VMK); 28 Apr (2), *Sangamon* (HDB); 28 Apr, *Johnson* (MM-L). **MC**: 13, JP, 5 May (RLS et al.); 9, GrantP, 7 May (DEW); 5, LeVasseurP, 5 May (JBH); 5, LincP, 13 May (GAW, CLW). **LD**: 10 Jun, Skokie Lagoons (Cook Co) (ABA); 2 Jun, JP (JIE:ph, NG:ph); 30 May, Northerlyl (Chi) (JIE); 30 May, LincP (LGM); 20 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 17 May, LeVasseurP (JBH); 12 May, RendL-F (KAM); 9 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); *Union*, 5 May (SDB).

Harris's Sparrow. Seward, Winnebago County. 6 May 2012. Photo by John Longhenry.

'Gambel's' White-crowned Sparrow. Humboldt Park, Cook County. 30 April 2012. Photo by Sam Burckhardt.

Swamp Sparrow

EA: 1 Mar, Quincy Bay (AGD); 4 Mar, HL (FRH); 5 Mar (5), *Sangamon* (HDB); 8 Mar, CarlL-C (DMK); 11 Mar, Montrose (GAW, CLW); 15 Mar (12), Mskoda (JBH); 17 Mar, JP (RLS). **MC**: 175, Chi lakefront parks, 15 Apr (GAW, CLW, NG); 71, LCal, 5 May (WJM, SBB); 18, Mskoda, 17 Apr (JBH). **LD**: 29 May, Montrose (GAW, CLW); 19 May, JP (RLS); 11 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 5 May, CarlL-C (DMK); 29 Apr, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 28 Apr, *Johnson*, (SDB, CAT).

White-throated Sparrow

EA: 16 Mar, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 8 Apr, LincP (GAW, CLW); 14 Apr (28), JP (RLS); 15 Apr (39), *Sangamon* (HDB). **MC**: "Hundreds", 15 Apr (BWBW); 221, JP, 22 Apr (PRC); 200, GrantP, 10 May (NLB); 180, Calumet P (Chi), 19 Apr (WJM); 55+, IBSP, 27 Apr (EWW); 53, *Jackson*, 14 Apr (KAM); 46 (banded), Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, 16 Apr (VMK); 41, *Sangamon*, 1 May (HDB); 32, BraidwoodL, 23 Apr (JBH); 30, *LaSalle*, 18 Apr (BC). **LD**: 2 Jun, JP (JIE:ph, NG:ph); 25 May, GrantP (DEW); 23 May, LCal (WJM); 17 May, LeVasseurP (JBH); 10 May (5), *Sangamon* (HDB); 5 May, HL (FRH); 5 May (4), CarlL-C (DMK); *Union*, 5 May (SDB).

Remarks: "Scarce at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary: only 87 banded this spring in contrast to an average of 171 banded per spring from 2009 through 2011" (VMK).

Harris's Sparrow

EA: 5 Mar, Middletown (Logan Co) (APS, MAM). **MC**: 2, Seward (Winnebago), 6 May (AW, JLy:ph, m.ob.). **LD**: 11 May, Rckfd (DTW, BCW); 6 May, see above; 3 May, Ft. Sheridan FP (Lake Co) (RCn, MMh).

White-crowned Sparrow

EA: 24 Mar (ad), *Sangamon* (HDB); 27 Mar, NoP (JIN); 28 Mar, BraidwoodL (JBH); 19 Apr, JP (RLS). **MC**: 250, GrantP, 3 May (DEW); 117, JP, 2 May (PRC); 88, Montrose, 6 May (GAW, CLW); 21, Forest Park (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 15, *Sangamon*, 1 May (HDB); 14, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 10, Urbana, 1 May (GR); 10, CarlL-C, 29 Apr (DMK); 6, BraidwoodL, 30 Apr (JBH). **LD**: 29 May, LincP (JIE); 28 May, JP (CAT); 26 May, LincP (GAW, CLW); 17 May, LeVasseurP (JBH); 14 May, *Clinton* (MSS); 7 May, *Sangamon* (HDB); 6 May, CarlL-C (DMK). **Others**: 3 May (Gambel's form), Humboldt P (Chi) (SBB:ph).

Dark-eyed Junco

MC: 80, LincP, 20 Mar (JIE); 60, CarlL-C, 11 Mar (DMK); 52, GrantP, 28 Mar (DFS); 50, *Jackson*, 17 Mar (KAM); 44, LeVasseurP, 4 Mar (JBH); 30, LCal, 22 Mar (WJM); 22, LincP, 7 Apr (GAW, CLW). **LD**: 6 May, LaBagh Wds FP (Chi) (MC); 2 May, JP (PRC); 2 May, *Kane* (EES); 30 Apr, BraidwoodL (JBH); 28 Apr, *Edwards* (RES); 25 Apr, NoP (NPBW); 20 Apr (2), IBSP (EWW); 18 Apr, HL (FRH); 9 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK).

Summer Tanager

EA: 17 Apr (2), Ft. Massac (KAM); 17 Apr, Heron Pond (KAM); 18 Apr, Humboldt P (Chi) (DKA); 21 Apr, Spfld (HDB); 22 Apr, BuseyWds (BWBW); 29 Apr, Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co) (JV et al.); 1 May (subad

♂, bandcd), Adams Wildlife Sanctuary (VMK). **MC**: 69, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 20, *Jackson*, 19 May (VMK, CLH, et al.); 16, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 7, Ft. Massac, 12 May (KAM); 5, Hamilton Co CA, 3 May (EWW); 5, *Sangamon*, 8 May (HDB); 4, Urbana (Crystal Lake P), 4 May (GSL); 4, CarlL-C, 12 May (DMK). **LD**: 17 May (molting ♂), Norris Wds NP (Kane Co) (KS); 15 May (♀), JP (RLS); 7 May, Montrose (KH:ph, JHP, RT).

Scarlet Tanager

EA: 14 Apr, *Jackson* (KAM); 15 Apr (♂), BuseyWds (BWBW); 15 Apr (♀), JP (KDA, PRC, et al.) (record early for site by 3 days); 20 Apr (2), Spfld (HDB); 22 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 25 Apr (2), Fox Ridge SP (Coles Co) (ELK); 29 Apr, Bemis Wds FP (Cook Co) (DFS). **MC**: 17, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 12, Urbana (Crystal Lake P), 4 May (GSL); 10, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 12 May (JSA, DJA); 8, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV); 7, Giant City SP (Jackson/Union Cos), 27 Apr (KAM); 7, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 7, *Sangamon*, 8 & 12 May (HDB); 7, MissPalis, 19 May (EWW). **LD**: 23 May (2), JP (JL); 20 May (5), LincP (GAW, NG).

WESTERN TANAGER

LD: 20 May (♀), JP (*PRC)
[IORC review pending].

Northern Cardinal

MC: 120, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 48, *nw. Cook*, 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV); 45, JP & Hyde P (Chi), 5 May (RLS); 40, CarlL-C, 10 Mar (DMK); 36, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 31, LCal, 5 May (WJM, MLB, SBB); 26, Palos, 5 May (WSS); 23, HennepinL, 4 Mar (BC); 22, ClinL, 4 May (MEF).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak

EA: 16 Apr, New Columbia (Massac Co) (FKB); 17 Apr, Ft. Massac (KAM); 20 Apr (♂), Chi (JP:ph); 20 Apr, Humboldt P (Chi) (SBB); 21 Apr, *Moultrie* (TAM); 21 Apr (3), BuseyWds & Crystal Lake P (GSL et al.); 22 Apr, *Sangamon* (HDB); 22 Apr (2), HennepinL (SAC, MC). **MC**: 30, LCal, 5 May (WJM, MLB, SBB); 23, Palos, 5 May (WSS); 22, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV); 20, CarlL-C, 29 Apr (DMK); 20, MBC, 6 May (MEF); 10, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 8, *Sangamon*, 5 May (HDB); 8, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 6, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 6, JP, 16 May (PRC); 6, BuseyWds, 29 Apr (BWBW). **LD**: 14 Jun (♂), Montrose (RDH); 28 May, JP (CAT).

Blue Grosbeak

EA: 17 Apr (♂), GrassySl Preserve (Johnson Co) (KAM); 17 Apr, Heron Pond (KAM); 24 Apr (♂), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 28 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 29 Apr, HL (FRH); 2 May (3♂), Spfld (HDB); 3 May (♂), Crittenden Twp (Champaign Co) (CN); 4 May, Urbana (U of I South Farms) (♀) (GSL). **MC**: 17, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 15, *Jackson*, 19 May (VMK, CLH et al.); 11, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 5, Pomona, 28 Apr (KAM); 4, CarlL-C, 12 May (DMK). **Others**: L&D 13, 19 May (EWW).

Indigo Bunting

EA: 15 Apr (♀), JP (PKD); 15 Apr (3), BuseyWds (BWBW); 15 Apr, *Woodford* (TH); 17 Apr (5), Ft. Massac (KAM); 18 Apr (2), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 19 Apr, DYNL (NB); 21 Apr, *Sangamon* (HDB); 21 Apr (2), Douglas P (Chi) (EDG). **MC**: 266, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 82, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 64, *Clinton*, 5 May (KAM); 39, RendL, 12 May (KAM); 30, CarlL-C, 18 May (DMK); 27, ClinL, 11 May (MEF); 21, Mendota (LaSalle Co), 6 May (JEH); 15, *Sangamon*, 16 May (HDB); 13, MomenceWet, 22 May (JBH). **LD**: 8 Jun, Montrose (ABB).

Dickcissel

EA: 25 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 25 Apr, Ware (Union Co) (KAM); 26 Apr (2), *Johnson* (CAT, SDB, MSS); 2 May (3♂), Spfld (HDB); 4 May, ClinL (MEF); 4 May (♪♂), Urbana (U of I South Farms) (GSL); 4 May, Ft Sheridan FP (Lake Co) (BD); 5 May (2), *Bureau* (DFS). **MC**: 276, AmnBot, 5 May (C&PD); 151, *Hamilton*, 5 May (CAT); 125, *Union*, 5 May (VMK); 120, CarlL-C, 13 May (DMK); 19, *LaSalle*, 5 May (BC); 12, LeVasseurP, 27 May (JBH); 10, MBC, 6 May (MEF). **LD**: 10 Jun (2), Montrose (RDH).

Brewer's Blackbird. Mason County. 15 April 2012. Photo by Sam Burckhardt.

Bobolink

EA: 22 Apr, *Will* (TAM); 28 Apr, *Pulaski* (KAM, DMK); 28 Apr (2♂), *Johnson* (SDB, CAT); 29 Apr (3), HL (FRH); 30 Apr, *sw. Champaign* (MM-L); 1 May, se. Illinois (CLH); 1 May (4), MomenceSod (JBH); 1 May, Montrose (LGM); 2 May (2♂), Spfld (HDB). **MC**: 50, *Union*, 5 May (VMK); 32, *LaSalle*, 5 May (BC); 28, *nw. Winnebago*, 5 May (DTW, BCW); 25, RollinsSav, 23 May (KAM); 18, Stelle (Ford Co), 9 May (JBH); 11, MBC, 6 May (MEF). **LD**: 9 Jun (♂), CBG (ABA); 3 Jun, Montrose (RDH); 1 Jun, LeVasseurP (JBH); 28 May (♀), JP (PRC); 10 May (♂), Spfld (HDB).

Remarks: "As pastures and hayfields turn into corn fields, this species is fast disappearing around Bushnell [McDonough Co]" (LLH).

Red-winged Blackbird

EA: 21 Feb (6), Seward (Winnebago Co) (DTW); 22 Feb (4), Prairie City (McDonough Co) (LLH); 23 Feb, JP (Jane Masterson); 25 Feb (3), BraidwoodL (JBH). **MC**: 4000, CarlL-C, 8 Mar (DMK); 1000, Kankakee, 3 Mar (JBH); 658, Deer Grove East FP (Cook Co), 22 Apr (GAW, CLW); 500, LeVasseurP, 29 Feb (JBH); 71, JP, 13 Mar (PRC). **LD**: 28 May (19), JP (PRC) (birds in apparent passage).

Eastern Meadowlark

EA: 23 Feb (2), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH); 29 Feb, JP (PRC); 1 Mar, BraidwoodL (JBH); 2 Mar, Montrose (DKA). **MC**: 60, PrRdg, 2 Apr (KAM); 57, Montrose, 10 Mar (GAW); 32, *Monroe*, 14 Mar (KAM); 34, *Union*, 5 May (SDB); 30, CarlL-C, 22 Apr (DMK); 28, *Johnson*, 28 Apr (SDB, CAT); 20, MBC, 6 May (MEF); 16, IBSP, 17 May (EWW); 14, Stelle (Ford Co), 9 May (JBH). **LD**: 12 May, JP (RLS).

Western Meadowlark

EA: 2 Mar, ClinL (MEF); 6 Mar, Sangchris (HDB); 8 Mar (2), SantaFe (DMK); 12 Mar (2), Yorkville (Kendall Co) (DTW); 14 Mar, Montrose (JlE:ph, m.ob.); 15 Mar, *Edwards* (RES); 16 Mar, Hillside (Cook) (DFS); 18 Mar, MomenceSod (JBH). **MC**: 6, *nw. Bureau*, 5 May (GG); 6, LostMound, 26 May (DBJ); 3, Genoa Sod Farms (DeKalb Co), 25 May (KAM); 3, Rckfd, 25 Mar (DTW). **LD**: 22 Apr, CarlL-C (DMK); 1 Apr, *Edwards* (RES).**Others**: Manhattan (Will Co), 31 Mar (CMA); Middle Fork River FP (Champaign Co) (♪♂), 14-Apr – 5 May (EJC, BSs et al.); AmnBot, 5 May (C&PD).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

EA: 18 Mar (♀), Emiquon (JIE); 18 Apr (♪♂), LCal (WJM); 19 Apr, PaulDouglas (SAC); 22 Apr, Emiquon (KBR). **MC**: 11, Glacial P (McHenry Co), 27 May (ASA); 9, PaulDouglas, 5 May (SSc); 7, HennepinL, 22 Apr (SAC).

Rusty Blackbird

EA: 23 Feb (6), Wauk (EWW); 3 Mar, Montrose (RDH); 3 Mar (4), Subat FP (Kendall Co) (DFS); 6 Mar, Carlyle (Clinton Co) (KAM); 6 Mar (8), Lowden Miller SF (Lee Co) (DTW); 10 Mar (3), Lockport Pr (Will Co) (CMA); 14 Mar (♀), JP (PRC); 18 Mar, HL (FRH). **MC**: 320, *Kendall*, 14 Apr (DFS); 200, CarlL-C, 11 Mar (DMK); 100+, *Richland*, 3 Mar (CLH); 50, McClaughry Wds FP (Cook Co), 12 Apr (CBT); 40-50, Bailey Wetland (Wayne Co), 2 Mar (CLH); 21, Pecatonica, 10 Apr (DTW); 15, *LaSalle*, 15 Apr (BC). **LD**: 12 May, NoP (SJH); 5 May, *Bureau* (DFS); 1 May (3), LCal (WJM); 28 Apr, MermetL (KAM, DMK); 23 Apr, *Kankakee* (JBH); 22 Apr, HL (FRH).

Brewer's Blackbird

EA: 7 Mar (2♂), Sangchris (HDB); 8 Mar (2), New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 11 Mar (2), *Grundy* (JAS); 12 Mar (20), Rckfd (DTW). **MC**: 1200, CarlL-C, 8 Mar (DMK); 40+, PrRdg-J, 30 Mar (CLH); 30+, PrRdg-M, 2 Mar (CLH); 30, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 13 Apr (TJD); 22, IBSP, 5 May (JSS, BJS). **LD**: 23 Apr (7), *Bond* (CAT, MSS); 15 Apr (120), CarlL-B (DMK); 15 Apr (14), *Mason* (MJW, SBB).

Common Grackle

EA: 22 Feb, LCal (WJM); 25 Feb (24), Wilmington (Will Co) (JBH); 29 Feb (8), JP (PRC); 2 Mar (58), Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LLH). **MC**: 3000, GLPSNA, 4 Mar (JAS); 2000, Kankakee, 3 Mar (JBH); 900, Putnam Co CA, 10 Mar (BC); 800, CarlL-C, 10 Mar (DMK); 401, JP, 13 Mar (PRC).

Brown-headed Cowbird
EA: 26 Feb (2), Kankakee (JBH); 26 Feb (4), IBSP (EWW); 7 Mar, Montrose (MD); 11 Mar (♂), JP (PRC); 13 Mar (♂), NoP (JIN). **MC**: 1600, CarlL-C, 8 Mar (DMK); 1100, HennepinL, 10 Mar (DFS); 400, *Putnam*, 4 Mar (BC); 206, JP, 21 May (PRC); 100, Kankakee, 3 Mar (JBH); 96, *Union*, 5 May (VMK); 56, River Forest (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 52, Montrose, 21 Apr (GAW). **LD**: 6 May (30), JP (PRC) (flock in apparent passage).

Orchard Oriole
EA: 15 Apr (2), KLMSNA (C&PD); 17 Apr (5), Ft. Massac (KAM); 20 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 22 Apr, HennepinL (SAC, MC); 25 Apr, Sangchris (HDB); 25 Apr (3), *Morgan* (CD); 29 Apr, Big Rock FP (Kane Co) (SAC). **MC**: 88, *Monroe*, 5 May (C&PD); 45 & 32, *Union* (different areas/birds), 5 May (VMK & SDB resp); 10, CarlL-C, 13 May (DMK); 6, LeVasseurP, 20 May (JBH); 6, BraidwoodL, 21 May (JBH). **LD**: 15 Jun, Montrose (RDH); 23 May, JP (JL).

Baltimore Oriole
EA: 16 Apr, se. Illinois (CLH); 17 Apr (2), Ft. Massac (KAM); 20 Apr, PaulDouglas (SSc); 21 Apr, *DuPage* (ABA); 21 Apr, *Knox* (DJM); 21 Apr (2), Spfld (HDB); 22 Apr, HL (FRH). **MC**: 44, LCal, 5 May (WJM, SBB); 32, NOND, 5 May (C&PD); 32, HennepinL, 11 May (DFS); 25, JP, 5 May (RLS et al.); 25, Thatcher Wds FP (Cook Co), 5 May (RAM, ALM, JPL, RCB); 25, Deer Grove West FP (Cook Co), 5 May (GAW, CLW, JV); 23, IBSP, 17 May (EWW); 20, *Sangamon*, 5 May (HDB).

Purple Finch
EA: 10 Mar, HennepinL (DFS); 11 Mar, CarlL-C (DMK); 28 Mar (♂), Spfld (HDB); 30 Mar, *McLean* (TH); 30 Mar (2), Rckfd (DTW). **MC**: 11, Rckfd, 1 Apr (DTW); 8, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co), 6 Apr (JBH). **LD**: 22 May, LincP (LGM); 18 May, Evanston (Cook Co) (FRM); 1 May, JP (PRC); 21 Apr, Kankakee R SP (Kankakee Co) (JBH); 20 Apr, Bloomington (TH).

House Finch
EA: 13 Mar, JP (PRC); 21 Mar (2), NoP (NPBW). **MC**: 24, Kankakee, 3 Mar (JBH); 13, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 31 May (KAM).

Red Crossbill
Oak Park (Cook Co), 9 Mar (GN).

White-winged Crossbill
MC: 40, MArb, 1 Mar (PAM); 15, Klehm Arboretum (Rckfd), 11 May (MKR); 12, RockCut, 1 Mar (AS); 12, BWBW, 11 Mar (GSL et al.). **LD**: 11 May, see above; 4 Apr (@ nyger seed feeder), St. Charles (Kane Co) (JBn:ph); 1 Apr (2), RockCut (S&DC). **Other**: Northcrlyl (Chi), 21 Mar (GAW, CLW).

Common Redpoll
MC: 38, *DuPage*, 12 Mar (ASA); 7 to 16, see below; 4, *DeKalb*, 2 Mar (MFl). **LD**: 17 Mar (2), Montrose (RC); 9-14 Mar (7 to 16), Rckfd (S&PO); 11 Mar (3), Wheaton (DuPage Co) (VM).

Pine Siskin
MC: 16, Hampton (Rock Island Co), 10 Mar (EWW); 8, Geneseo (Henry Co), 10 Mar (EWW). **LD**: 4 Jun (2), River Forest (Cook Co) (JSA); 30 May, Danville (Vermilion Co) (JR); 27 May, Barrington (Cook Co) (CAW); 17 May, Rckfd (DTW, BCW); 5 May, *Mercer* (BAB); 5 May (2+), Mahomet (Champaign Co) (fide EJC); 29 Apr (4), Spfld (HDB).

American Goldfinch
MC: 400, CarlL-C, 1 & 5 Apr (DMK); 200, Oakwood Btms, 21 Apr (KAM); 128, LCal, 5 May (WJM, SBB); 36, JP, 6 May (PRC); 28, LeVasseurP, 17 May (JBH); 28, IBSP, 17 May (EWW); 25, *Union*, 5 May (SDB).

White-winged Crossbill on nyger seed. St. Charles, Kane County. 4 April 2012. Photo by Jackie Bowman.

House Sparrow
MC: 300, Belleville (St. Clair Co), 26 May (DMK); 200, ESTL, 27 May (DMK); 192, LincP, 8 Apr (GAW, CLW); 109, JP and Hyde P, Chi, 5 May (RLS et al.); 70, Streator (LaSalle Co), 11 Mar (BC).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow
MC: 57, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 7 Mar (LLH); 14, Quincy Bay, 15 Mar (AGD); 10, Emiquon, 25 May (KAM). **Others**: *Putnam* (2), 10 Mar (BC); GreenR (5), 6 Apr (DTW).

EXOTIC/RELEASED SPECIES

Budgerigar
Montrose, 21 Mar (PP); DYNL, 7 Apr (VLa et al.); Humboldt P (Chi), 30 May (SBB:ph).

European Goldfinch
Wauk, 31 Mar (3) & 22 May (AFS); *Monroe*, 6 Apr (C&PD); JP, 19 May (RLS).

European Greenfinch
Montrose, 18 Mar (JWL).

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The following sightings and remarks included in "Field Notes: The 2011 spring migration" (*Meadowlark* vol. 20, no. 4, pp. 135-164) were submitted by the observer Vernon M. Kleen as having occurred at Adams Wildlife Sanctuary, Springfield (Sangamon Co), but were erroneously marked in the Spring 2011 report as having occurred in *Adams*. Eastern Phoebe: 11 (banded), 5 Apr. Winter Wren: 4 (banded), 29 Mar. Veery: 4 May (banded). Gray cheeked Thrush: 25 Apr (banded); 20 May (banded). Hermit Thrush: 6 (banded), 23 Apr. Gray Catbird: "fairly large migratory numbers," with 63 banded 27 Apr – 24 May. Louisiana Waterthrush: 22 Apr (banded). Orange-crowned Warbler: 7 banded, 21 Apr – 5 May. Nashville Warbler: 15 (banded), 9 May. Mourning Warbler: 26 May (2 banded). Kentucky Warbler: 6 singles banded 27 Apr – 16 May. American Redstart: "Scarce – only 2 banded ... this spring compared to 54 last year." Canada Warbler: 7 (banded), 20 May; 23 May (banded). Wilson's Warbler: 23 May (banded). Yellow-breasted Chat: 12 & 23 May (banded). White-throated Sparrow: 56 (banded), 30 Apr; "Fairly large migratory numbers: 177 banded ... 22 Mar – 24 May."

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